



New faces in the Commons for the State Opening of Parliament

Poll tax plan at centre of Tory reforms

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Government, in the Queen's Speech yesterday, launched an uncompromising package of radical reforms...

17 Bills, including virtually all the most controversial proposals in the Conservative manifesto...

The Government's hope is to make local authorities more accountable and to encourage those who pay the community charge to pressure councils into lower spending levels.

Assault on unions to go ahead

By Tim Jones

The Government is planning a full-scale assault on trade union power in spite of objections to some proposals from employers' organizations...



Healey bows out of the front line

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Denis Healey yesterday bowed out of frontline politics after 28 years in Labour cabinets and shadow cabinets.



Commons newcomers awaiting the Queen's Speech yesterday, from left: Diane Abbott, Tony Banks, Bernie Grant, and, with his guide dog, David Blunkett

17 'sex abuse' children are made wards of court

By Peter Davenport

Seventeen of the children taken from their parents in Cleveland after diagnosis of alleged sexual abuse had been made wards of court by last night in the first stage of legal moves to have them released from the care of social services and returned home.

The joint application, by parents, lawyers and Cleveland County Council, follows a decision hours earlier by magistrates on Teeside to refuse the authorities a 28 day interim care order on a girl aged five who has been in a foster home since June 5.

Dr Raine Roberts from Manchester. Lawyers for the children said that in 16 of the 17 cases their independent medical findings contradicted those of the Middlesbrough General Hospital consultants Dr Martin Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt that they had shown signs of sexual abuse.

They expect a full hearing to be arranged next week but said that the eventual question of which of the differing medical diagnoses was correct have to be taken by a High Court judge.

North 'attempt to rewrite evidence'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Iran-Contra hearings were told yesterday about an extraordinary attempt by senior Administration officials to prepare false testimony for Congress last year about the secret sale of arms to Iran.

Israel had shipped Hawk missiles to Iran in November 1985 - a statement that was untrue, Colonel North supposedly changed the language to say that nobody in the US Government was aware that the shipment contained missiles.

Mr Charles Cooper, the Assistant Attorney General, said the effort failed when State Department officials objected to the cover-up.

In another development yesterday the investigation committees were told that Israel, which has shown a marked reluctance to cooperate fully in the Iran-Contra investigations, has agreed to hand over critically important documents.

Gorbachov shakes up ailing economy

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

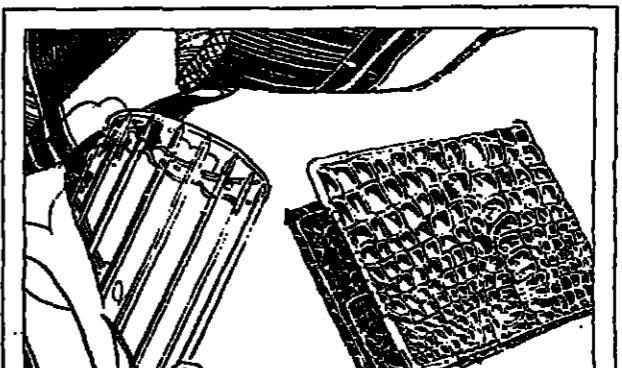
Mr Mikhail Gorbachov yesterday outlined a massive shake-up of the Soviet economy, inviting a head-on confrontation with his conservative opponents.

He outlined his radical programme for economic reform at the opening of a crucial plenary session of the 307-member Central Committee of the Communist Party.

OFT calls for code on cash cards

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Office of Fair Trading, the government watchdog body monitoring trading practices, yesterday called for a statutory code giving greater protection to the millions of cash card users in Britain.



The OFT highlighted several areas of constant complaint among bank customers who use cash cards. It said that the code should insist on all cash machines being able to provide a receipt after each transaction.

Court frees Fleming over Brink's Mat charge

By David Sapsted

A London magistrate took 25 seconds yesterday to free Mr John Fleming, the company director pursued across Europe and the Americas for more than three years by Scotland Yard detectives anxious to question him about the £26 million Brink's Mat gold robbery at Heathrow.

emotion but as he walked from the court free of the charge of dishonestly handling £840,000 from the 1983 robbery, he said: "It's like a dream. It did take me by surprise. It has been a bad year - uncomfortable, expensive and unnecessary."

That year has included being ejected from Spain, where he had lived a champagne-style life for more than two years in a £150,000 villa; being deported from Costa Rica; and spending seven months in an immigration detention centre in Miami, trying unsuccessfully to be admitted to a string of countries before being deported to Britain by the American authorities in March.

He said yesterday: "Justice has been seen to be done. It was an incredible case, full of scheming and dirty tricks by four governments: Costa Rican, the Spanish, the British and the Americans. A conspiracy of illegal acts. They just broke all the rules, threw the rulebook out of the window."

Scotland Yard declined to comment last night on where next the investigation into one of Britain's biggest robberies might be heading.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Workers reject plant rescue deal

Workers at Bedford's van plant in Luton, which faces closure next Tuesday, have overwhelmingly rejected a survival plan involving a Japanese-style employment agreement (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes). The management has said it will close the plant with the loss of 1,700 jobs if the agreement is not approved.

Without the deal, which would cut costs by more than 25 per cent but mean 400-500 redundancies, the Japanese partner, Isuzu, will not invest in a proposed joint venture. The plant is losing £500,000 a week. The hourly paid unions rejected the new employment deal by 1,000 votes to three. Mr George Slessor, of the engineering union, said: "Our members are not accepting the deal and they would rather be unemployed".

Labour afloat

Rigs used to house North Sea oil workers may be used to accommodate construction workers on the Canary Wharf development in London's Docklands, on which work is expected to begin shortly.

The reason is that housing costs are so high and there are not enough workers in the capital to meet the £3 billion project's manpower needs, according to the Building Employers' Confederation and UCATT, the building workers union.

Spotlight on exams

Striking differences in examination results of different ethnic pupil groups are shown in statistics published yesterday by the Inner London Education Authority.

Last year 4.6 per cent of black children of Caribbean origin passed five or more O-levels at grades A to C or the CSE equivalent, grade I. That standard was gained by Indian children (20.7); Pakistani (16.1); Chinese (16); African (14.2); Irish (11.4); "English, Scottish or Welsh" (9.4); Bangladeshi (3.6).

Opera price rises

Top seat prices at the Royal Opera House at Covent Garden were increased yesterday from £42 to £60 and £70, made necessary by an effective 3 per cent cut in the opera house's Arts Council grant for this year.

Prices of cheaper seats will rise from £12.50 to £15, and the lowest ticket price available will remain at £2. The new prices will come into effect at the beginning of the new season. A petition opposing the proposed redevelopment plan for Covent Garden, signed by more than 4,500 people, was presented yesterday to Westminster City Council planners.

Train is derailed

Vandals derailed a train in Staffordshire and blocked the line for 11 hours yesterday after using stones to jam railway points.

Supplies to power stations were cut off by the derailment of the 75-ton British Coal locomotive at Cannock. The diesel train stayed upright and the driver, Ray Rushon, aged 35, escaped. Police said: "It was extremely fortunate that no one was hurt".

Filthiest beaches

The beaches at Melnara on Grand Canary Island and the Eragas beach near Bilbao are among the filthiest and most insanitary in Spain, according to an annual survey of beach conditions in the monthly consumers magazine *Ciudadana*.

All three of them scored zero on a rating system of 1 to 5. Another 22 Spanish beaches rated only one point.

MPs attack Tory policy on directing overseas aid

By Paul Valley and Martin Fletcher

A big attack on the Government's programme of foreign aid was published yesterday by the Commons all-party foreign affairs committee, which called for a complete reversal of some of the most significant policies adopted by the Conservatives during the past eight years.

The committee demanded a comprehensive reassessment of the way the £750 million annual bilateral budget is spent with the most far-reaching change demanded being that the Aid and Trade Provision (ATP), which subsidizes British firms' exports to Third World countries, be removed from the aid budget.

It has also for the first time since 1975 urged the Government to produce a White Paper setting out its policies and priorities.

In a critique of the Government's whole approach to foreign aid, the committee expressed substantial disquiet over the clear conflict of priorities which have arisen from "the overt introduction into Britain's aid programme of commercial interests alongside development and political ones".

It says that the ATP scheme, which last year provided £90 million in such subsidies, often did not provide the right type of help.

Projects beneficial to British industry were not necessarily those most beneficial to the

poor in developing nations and the very poorest countries could not afford to participate at all. If such a scheme was necessary to British industry it should be financed by the Department of Trade.

The committee emphasized that commercial objectives should be "subordinate to the primary objective, namely the promotion of development".

Greater priority should be given to direct attacks on poverty rather than the promotion of general economic growth in developing countries. The benefits of economic growth did not necessarily trickle down to those most in need.

The Government should withdraw aid from countries likely to squander funds through corruption or administrative inefficiency, but a country's human rights record should not necessarily be a bar to aid so long as that aid did not encourage violations.

Emergency relief funds for famine and other crises should not be taken from the development aid budget.

The Government was right to favour Commonwealth and other countries friendly to Britain, and should continue to maintain aid programmes in as many countries as possible for political purposes.

Foreign Affairs Committee: *Bilateral Aid - Country Programmes* (Stationery Office: £12.20).

£40m new drugs plant aims to fight obesity

The Queen will today open a £40 million expansion of a pharmaceuticals plant set up by Beecham that will produce drugs claimed to combat obesity, high blood pressure and some forms of senility (a Staff Reporter writes).

The plant at Irvine in Scotland will also mass produce a chemical discovered by the company that prevents bacteria from becoming resistant to antibiotics.

According to Dr Ralph Batchelor, a director of the company, trials are under way of the new drugs, which could come on to the market by the end of the decade.

The company is to make a decision soon on whether to go into full scale production with a drug code-named Compound 37830 that is claimed to reduce obesity. It works by helping the body to burn off fat as heat.

CPSA strike fading away

By Roland Rudd

The Civil Service strike was on the brink of collapsing yesterday, after only 20 per cent of the membership of the Civil and Public Services Association heeded the union's call for a two-day stoppage in the south of England.

The union claimed a high turnout in spite of the length of the dispute and the inclement weather.

But the CPSA control room admitted that members' response to the strike call had been only fair, although the union claimed that the government figures of 20 per cent underestimated the number of people on strike.

However, Mrs Kate Losinska, the CPSA senior vice-president and a veteran right-winger, said the figures were about right and showed how the CPSA was now in complete isolation, which had added to the members' disillusionment.

She said: "The fact is the members are not wearing what the Militants have done."

According to figures from the Department of Employment, 2,100 CPSA members failed to turn up for work in unemployment benefit offices, representing 20 per cent of the workforce; 790 were on strike at the Manpower Services Commission, a total of just 10 per cent. 52 of the 260 unemployment offices were closed and only 30 of the 455 jobcentres shut.

The figures from the Department of Health and Social Security were almost identical: 21 per cent of the grades affected by the dispute were on strike; 6,228 out of a total of 29,600.

Mr John Macreadie, the CPSA deputy general secretary, a Militant supporter, told his members earlier this week that the Government would "lie" about the numbers out on strike.

Yet by the Department of Employment's own figures, yesterday's 20 per cent compares with 55 per cent out on strike last week in Scotland, although that figure included members of the Society of Civil and Public Servants.



Mr John Fleming after being discharged at Horseferry Road Court in London yesterday and, below, his wife Lesley, who is still facing a charge.

Whaling for science checked

By Andrew Morgan

A move to tighten the loophole allowing whales to be killed in the name of science in spite of a moratorium on commercial whaling was approved last night at the International Whaling Commission's thirty-ninth annual meeting.

An American resolution asked the commission's scientific committee to review or report on all "scientific whaling programmes" using strict criteria to judge the element of genuine science involved.

The resolution, with a minor Japanese amendment, was adopted by 19 votes to six, with seven abstentions, at the meeting in Bournemouth.

The main opposition had come from the whaling nations, including Iceland, Norway, South Korea and Japan, which claimed the proposals violated a sovereign government's rights.

Mr Tatsu Saito, Japanese commissioner, said: "I feel that the commission is becoming increasingly conservationist and I am concerned about the future of the commission".

The commission has no formal powers and conservationists are looking to the US and its economic powers to ensure the killing of whales - seen by many as a loophole in the 1982 moratorium on commercial whaling - is controlled.

Mr Keishiro Fukushima, another Japanese delegate, added that notice would be taken of the commission's recommendation but the research would continue.

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Owen and Steel try to end wrangle

By Sheila Gunn Political Staff

Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel attempted to patch up the Alliance's public wrangling yesterday in their first face-to-face meeting since the general election.

They and their small band of 17 Liberal and five SDP MPs agreed to resume a joint Alliance approach in the new Parliament in spite of the SDP's decision last week to

appoint separate spokesmen.

The two Alliance leaders met yesterday in what was described by one aide as a "damage limitation exercise" since the two Davids split on the issue of whether the parties should go for a quick merger.

The meeting was described as workmanlike with no degree of hostility.

The two parties agreed to put down a joint amendment

to the Queen's Speech.

The whips will also decide who will be the spokesman for the Alliance in the forthcoming business in order to present the Speaker with one name. Otherwise MPs foresaw a contest breaking out between them, with the Speaker being left to choose whether to allow each party the right to have a spokesman in a particular debate or to deny one party the right to speak.

The £160-million advance.

Plessey has won a £160-million tactical radio programme for the Australian Army.

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Child expert sounds warning on errors in sex abuse cases

By a Staff Reporter

A leading child psychiatrist yesterday gave a warning of the long term damage that can be done to a child, even if its parents are eventually cleared of allegations of sexual abuse.

Speaking at the National Children's Bureau annual conference in London, Professor Philip Graham, dean of the Institute of Child Health, said there had been miscarriages of justice but wrong diagnosis of sexual abuse was uncommon.

He emphasized that his remarks were general and not based on events in Cleveland where 200 children have been removed from their parents in two months after suspected child abuse.

Parents win back daughter in court

By Craig Seton

A young mother and father were reunited with their daughter aged five yesterday after successfully challenging medical evidence that she had been sexually abused.

Magistrates at Teesside Juvenile Court, in Middlesbrough, refused to grant Cleveland Social Services Department an interim place of safety order on the girl, who had been in care for 20 days.

Her tearful parents immediately left the court to be reunited with the girl at the home of foster parents. As they left, they said: "We are both absolutely delighted".



Mr David Scafield and Mr Graham Brown, solicitors for the 17 parents taking action over their children

Officer suspected wrong transit van

By Michael McCarthy

The Scotland Yard detective investigating the assault on a group of schoolboys by the uniformed crew of a police transit van focused his attention on the wrong vehicle, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Det Chief Insp Norman Wilcock, of the Metropolitan Police's complaints investigations branch, took charge of the inquiry when the teenage boys were beaten by the policemen as they were returning home from a fair in Holloway, north London, in August 1983.

Doctor must pay £81,000 after swindle

A doctor who helped to swindle the health service out of £100,000 was ordered yesterday to pay £81,000 in fines and costs.

Dr Sudha Vaid carried out the fraud for 10 years from her practice in Cardiff. Vaid, aged 49, and her brother Dr Ramvir Singh Vaid obtained the money by making a series of false claims for allowances and payments.

He also sentenced her to a total of 21 months in jail suspended for two years and ordered her to surrender her passport.

Fares swoop nets 60 'artful dodgers'

By Michael Horsnell

Operation Artful Dodger descended on Wimbledon with the speed of a Boris Becker serve yesterday to catch more than 60 fare dodgers and caution hundreds of other rail passengers without tickets.

About 40 inspectors from British Rail and London Transport targeted Wimbledon Station and three others along the line in an exercise aimed at recouping some of the £50 million revenue lost each year by Network SouthEast - about 4 per cent of actual takings.

The huge loss, which accounts for about two thirds of fare cheating throughout the country, was boosted last year by a run of burglaries at London stations.

Season tickets worth up to £600 each and resold for as much as half face value, excess fare booklets, Capital cards and other tickets were stolen together with date stamps.

Woman foiled kidnap

A jury yesterday praised the courage of a grandmother who foiled a kidnap plot, as two men were found guilty of the crime.

The jury at Exeter Crown Court convicted the men of helping an Indian father to try to seize his runaway daughter and force her to return to an arranged marriage in India.

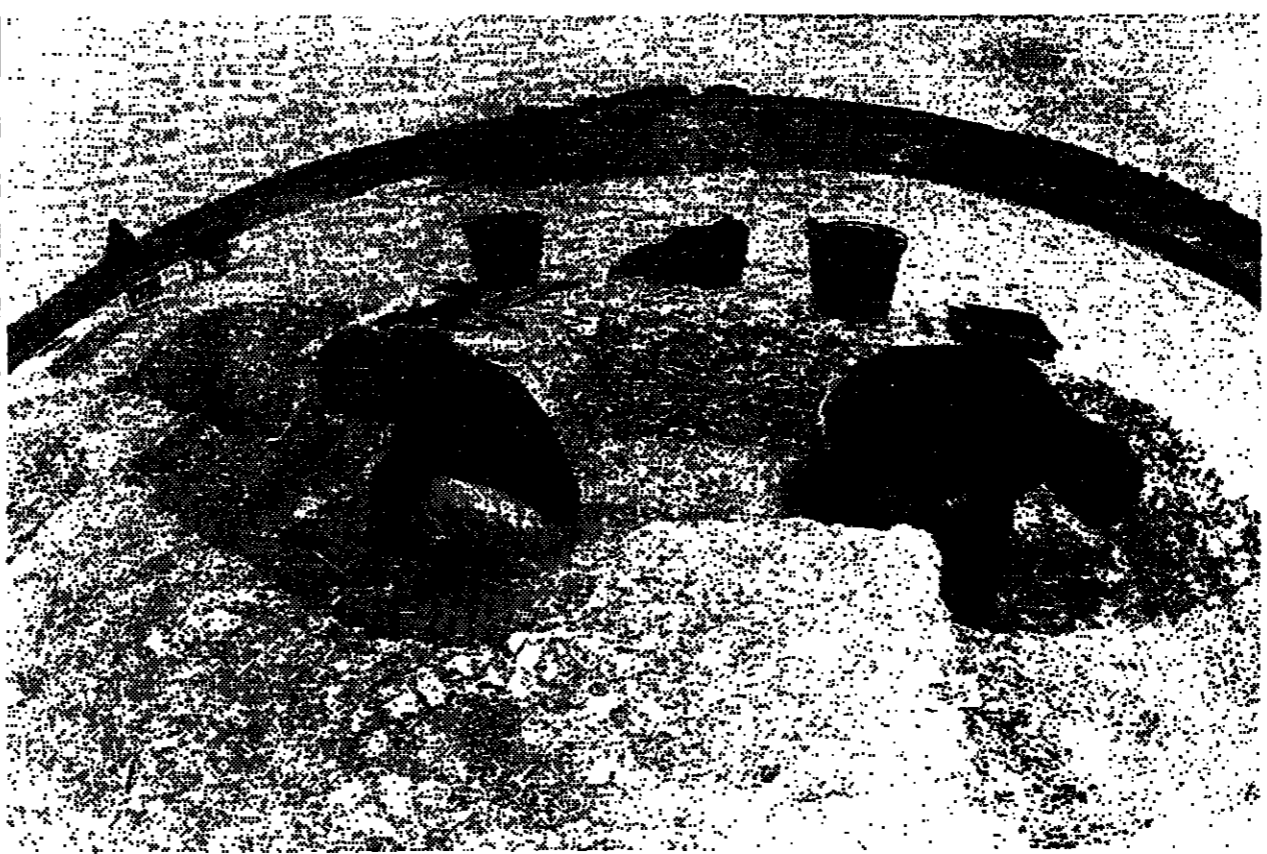
Pupils roamed streets as staff watched tennis

Parents have demanded an inquiry into why 36 pupils were left to wander the streets around Wimbledon while their teachers watched tennis.

Only eight tickets were left when 40 pupils and four teachers on a day trip from Tipton Comprehensive in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, arrived at the courts. They were taken by the teachers and four pupils and the rest were told: "Keep yourself amused until we come out".

Parents who paid £37 for each child are demanding an inquiry into why the pupils aged 13 and 14 were allowed to roam the streets unsupervised for five hours.

One parent said: "We were all horrified. We assumed when we paid out the money that it meant automatic ad-



Archaeologists Sarah Donovan and Andrew Merrifield at the Romano-British burial ground (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Prehistoric riches found by builders

By John Young

The destruction caused by road building and other modern construction projects may sometimes have compensations in unearthing hitherto undiscovered and unexpected treasures.

A new four-mile by-pass looping to the south of the historic town of Dorchester is a case in point. The whole area is an archaeological cornucopia, and a mixed task force of professional archaeologists, volunteers and young people funded by the Manpower Services Commission is working against time to uncover and record the past before it is buried under concrete.

The discoveries so far include a neolithic camp, a Bronze Age defended settlement with the remains of a small round house, and a Romano-British burial ground which has yielded about 20 skeletons.

One of the more notable finds is a pictogram, a series of man-made indentations in the chalk measuring about 15 inches across.

European air routes

BCal scuppers rival's cut-price plans

By Harvey Elliott

British Caledonian yesterday appealed against the award of eight new air licences to Air Europe and effectively thwarted the plans of the holiday magnate, Mr Harry Goodman, to operate a new cut-price network of scheduled services throughout Europe this autumn.

The Civil Aviation Authority had granted the licences to Mr Goodman's airline to fly in direct competition with British Caledonian on several important European routes from Gatwick Airport.

He in turn pledged to offer lower fares and attract businessmen to his modern fleet of jets which he planned to use on charter operations when they were not flying regular scheduled services.

But now British Caledonian has lodged a formal appeal claiming that there is no room for another scheduled carrier at the congested airport. That means that it will be mid-October at the earliest before a decision is reached by Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport.

Wimbledon tennis

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New car sales record likely this August

By Daniel Ward

A forecast of record sales of up to 400,000 E registration cars in August is likely to create a sellers' market and eliminate much of the traditional price discounting.

Bonuses of several hundred pounds a car paid by manufacturers to dealers have largely disappeared in the face of buoyant demand with the most popular incentive being low cost finance on many cheaper models.

Solvent abuse kills 'sad' girl

A schoolgirl who sniffed aerosols to relieve the misery of a miscarriage died from solvent abuse despite warnings from her boyfriend, an inquest at Andover, Hampshire was told yesterday.

Catherine Hill, aged 14, of Compton Square, Andover, died from heart failure after collapsing in the town centre, where she and two friends had a sniffing session using pain relieving spray. A verdict of misadventure was recorded.

Princess for Laos children fund tour

By Alan Hamilton

The Princess Royal will become the first member of the Royal Family to visit Laos when she tours Far East projects run by the Save The Children Fund, of which she is president, in November.

In the past year, Save The Children has spent £102,000 on clinics, hospitals and schools in the communist state on the borders of Vietnam and Cambodia, where economic development has been hampered by bitter border disputes.

The Princess, whose recently-bestowed title is regarded as a recognition by the Queen of her much-acclaimed work for the fund, will visit projects in Vientiane, the Laotian capital, during a 12-day tour of the Far East.

Earlier, the Princess will visit Thailand, where she last inspected the fund's work in 1979, and where last year Save The Children spent £246,000 in joint projects with the Thai government.

Singer given damages over court report

The Three Degrees singer, Sheila Ferguson, and her husband, Christopher Robinson, won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday over video film piracy allegations.

The singer's husband was wrongly identified as the Christopher Robinson found guilty of a massive video film fraud.

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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH: REACTION

Minister moves to allay 'Scottish effect' in London

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The Government moved swiftly yesterday in an attempt to head off opposition from Conservative backbenchers over the proposed new community charge to replace domestic rates which was put forward in the Queen's Speech.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, who is responsible for implementing the new charge, admitted there were particular difficulties.

Rumblings in the party at the damage such a new tax might inflict on the Government, in the light of the election results in Scotland, where the poll tax has been imposed, have erupted among London MPs.

Sir George Young, a former environment minister, said on the BBC's radio programme Today that the new charge could mean that the millionaire in Wembley paid exactly the same as the individual in a bedsit in Harlesden.

"If you are going to introduce a new tax, it ought to be related to the capacity of the individual to pay it."

The measure will be fought by the Opposition as fiercely as it attacked similar proposals for Scotland.

Many Conservative MPs are also uneasy about it, suspect-

RATES

ing that the party's poor showing in Scotland was in part attributable to the switch away from rates.

They would prefer the Government to wait and see how the new system is received before pressing ahead with a similar scheme in England and Wales.

The Bill is expected to be introduced in the autumn, and the community charge, described by the Opposition as a poll tax, operating by 1990.

Mr Howard, who will be responsible for piloting the community charge Bill through Parliament, yesterday insisted that the Government had no plans to back-pedal on the proposals, saying that they were firmly committed to the policy.

He said, however: "There are one or two issues where decisions remain to be taken".

Those concerned the transitional arrangements between the ending of domestic rates and the full implementation of the new system.

"Here we shall be paying particular attention to London, where, because of the extreme spending policies of the Inner London Education Authority, there are particular

difficulties which we have to look at very carefully."

Mr Howard said that on the basis of the authority's spending, the community charge in London could amount to as much as £311 per person a year. In Scotland, where the legislation has already been passed, the expected community charge rate is about £250.

Earlier, at a lunch for businessmen, Mr Howard said the present system was unfair, since only 18 million adults out of 35 million paid rates, and only 12 million paid them in full, while one in two paid nothing towards local services.

Outside London the cost will on average be less under the new system, though without the safety net most of the largest cities would see an increased charge for the individual.

The "safety net" provision is to ensure that any extreme increases would be cushioned during a transitional period.

The community charge will be payable by adults over the age of 18, with the mentally handicapped and old people living in homes and hospitals exempt.

Non-domestic rates for commerce and industry are to be linked to inflation.

Councils will be forced to privatize

LOCAL SERVICES

A new local government Bill will be introduced in the Commons today which will vastly extend the privatization of council services throughout Britain (Our Political Correspondent writes).

The proposed legislation will force local authorities to put six key services out to tender: refuse collection, street cleaning, catering, cleaning of buildings, ground maintenance, and vehicle repair.

The measures will particularly hit Labour-controlled councils who have held out against privatization, and the Bill will be drafted to ensure that local authorities do not put unnecessary restrictions on private-sector tenders or prevent fair competition.

The Government will also include provisions to stop left-wing councils from using ratepayers' money to fund party political propaganda.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, also intends to stop Labour authorities from imposing political conditions on companies applying for council work - such as having no contact with South Africa.

Many of the Bill's proposals were included in the local government plans presented to the last parliament.



The Queen walking through the Royal Gallery at Westminster during the State Opening of Parliament

Labour rules out illegal moves on Ridley revolution

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Councils that defy the law over the Government's proposed housing Bill will receive no support from the Labour leadership in Parliament, it was disclosed yesterday.

Although Labour plans to mount a vigorous campaign inside and outside the Commons against the Bill, which aims to weaken council control over housing, leading figures such as Mr John Cunningham, its environment spokesman, are determined to avoid a repetition of past rebellions by authorities such as Lambeth and Liverpool over local government reform.

Labour leaders acknowledged yesterday that the so-called "loony left" had damaged its prospects at the polls.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, replying to the Queen's Speech in the Commons, accused ministers of planning a malevolent use of power and claimed that its housing proposals would leave tenants to the "mercy of unscrupulous private landlords".

But there is also evidence that left-wing Labour councillors may be prepared to adopt a more conciliatory stance towards the Government.

Two papers drawn up by Mrs Margaret Hodge, leader of the Association of London Authorities, to be discussed by the capital's council leaders today reject a repetition of past confrontations.

HOUSING

Labour's precise tactics against the new Bill will not, however, become clear until the formation of the new Shadow Cabinet.

Yesterday's Queen's Speech confirmed that Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, intends revolutionary changes in housing policy to be set out in a Bill to be presented in the autumn.

Some six million council tenants will be given the right to choose a different landlord under a plan aimed at breaking up big estates.

Details were not spelt out yesterday but ministers have said that transfers to approved landlords such as housing associations or building societies would be by majority vote of tenants living in a council block. Individuals living in council houses would also be allowed to opt out of local authority control.

Other changes include the setting up of housing action trusts to take over the running and renovation of public housing from municipal control; moves to revive the private rented sector and bring back into use 500,000 empty properties; deregulation of the activities of housing associations and the directing of improving grants to priority targets.

Cautious links with Dublin proposed

By Richard Ford

The Government is to develop constructive links with the Irish Republic, but in the Queen's Speech emphasized the need for devolution within Northern Ireland.

The cautious wording of its aims for the province made no mention of the Anglo-Irish agreement, in an attempt to ensure that Unionists who have recently returned to Westminster did not feel rebuffed.

With pressure mounting for

ULSTER

Unionist leaders to enter private discussions with the Social Democratic and Labour Party and the Alliance party before the end of the summer, the Government want to make their position as flexible as possible and to do nothing to discourage the growing desire within the Irish community for dialogue to begin.

Ministers and the wider

"loyalist" community hope that with the general election over and Mrs Thatcher returned to power with a three figure majority, the Unionists and other parties may move towards tentative discussions about the future.

Mr James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionist party, said it looked as though the Government was trying to not to rub salt into a wound.

The Government is waiting to see if Unionists will resume informal contact with them.

However, a meeting between the Unionist leader and the Prime Minister is considered premature.

Meanwhile Mrs Thatcher will meet Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, during next week's European heads of government summit in Brussels.

It will be their first meeting for almost five years and is a delicate diplomatic mission given the Prime Minister's views on Mr Haughey and in particular his attitude during the Falklands conflict.

National curriculum heads six proposals

EDUCATION

A promise in the Queen's Speech to raise standards throughout education introduces six specific pledges (Our Education Correspondent writes).

They are to introduce a national curriculum, give schools control of their budgets, allow some to opt out of local authority control, support the establishment of city technology colleges, reform the structure of the Inner London Education Authority and give greater independence to polytechnics and some large colleges.

Most of the proposals were roundly condemned by teaching unions.

EDUCATION

The National Association of Head Teachers said it wanted more money and more staff, the National Union of Teachers said the only choice the proposals offered parents was paying up or losing out. The plans were also criticized by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, promised to expand on the proposals during the debate on the Queen's Speech next week.

Levy on audio tapes

COPYRIGHT

A 10 per cent levy for copyright holders will be added to the price of blank audio tapes in exchange for legalizing home taping under the Government's intellectual property Bill (Our Political Staff write).

It will be part of its modernization of the copyright laws which was shelved in the last session.

The Bill is expected to start in the House of Lords with fierce lobbying by the various interests involved in innovation, information technology and the arts.

COPYRIGHT

The ban on schools recording television programmes will be lifted. Pop stars, musicians and authors are to have better protection to prevent exploitation.

Patent law will also be reformed to make it easier to produce well-established drugs and cut costs.

The Home Taping Rights Campaign, representing users and manufacturers, last night condemned the new levy.

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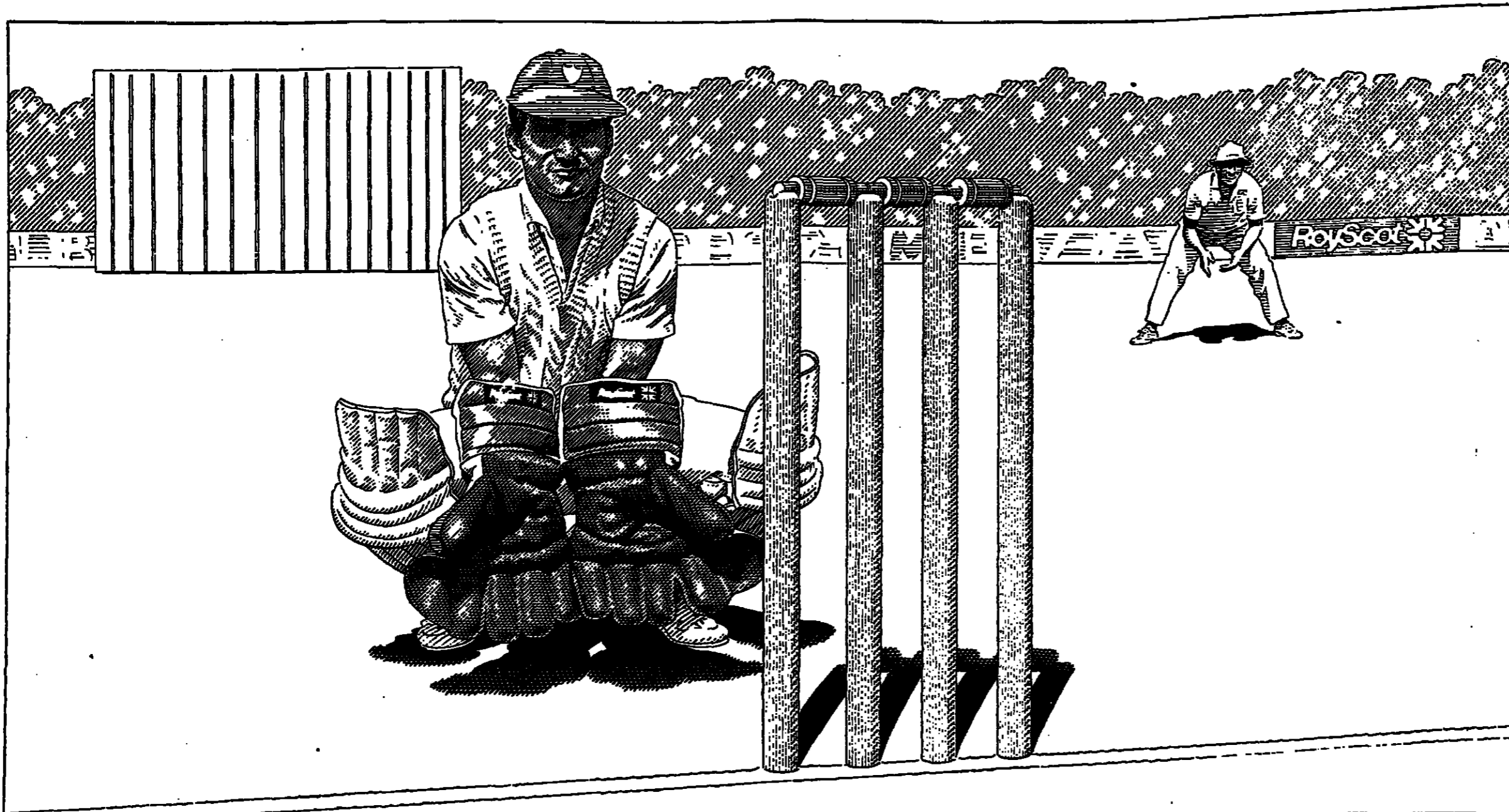
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WORLD SUMMARY

Dispute on Rock hits air fares pact

Luxembourg - European aviation policy was in disarray yesterday after Spain blocked a vital deal on cheap air fares in a dispute over Gibraltar airport.

100 held in raid Le Matin lives on

Johannesburg - About 800 South African police and troops made a swoop on the KTC black squatter camp outside Cape Town yesterday after a series of attacks on security force members.

Kadar in control

Vienna - Long-awaited changes to the hierarchy of the Hungarian Government were announced formally yesterday in a closed session of the Hungarian Parliament.

Mother of 3 faces jail Tamil aid ships dock

New York (AP) - Sophia Markovic, a single mother of three from Stoke-on-Trent, faces 20 years' jail and a fine of £600,000 when she is sentenced in Brooklyn federal court next month.

'Ivan' defence to start

Jerusalem - The last prosecution witness finished giving evidence in the "Ivan the Terrible" war crimes trial here yesterday, some four months after it opened.

Pope ignores protests by Jewish leaders Waldheim given a cool reception



President Waldheim of Austria, watched by his wife, Elisabeth, being welcomed by the Pope at the Vatican yesterday.

From Roger Boyes, Rome - The Pope yesterday ignored the protests of the world Jewish community and received with full state honours the Austrian President, Dr Kurt Waldheim.

reception given by the Austrian Ambassador on Thursday night. The President's programme is regarded as purely private. Frau Beate Klarsfeld, the prominent anti-Nazi activist, told The Times yesterday that the President had hidden his past and that the allegations against him were serious.

Israel's Arabs to mark 'Equality Day' yearly

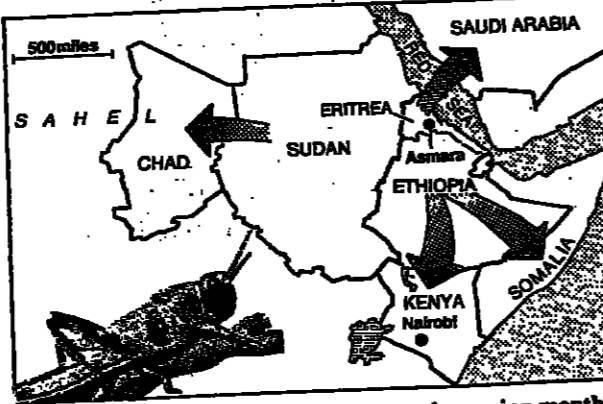
From Ian Murray, Jerusalem - A new date has been written into the crowded calendar of Arab anniversaries in Israel. From now on June 24 is to be called "Equality Day".

Argentine 'due obedience' law upheld Torture case officers freed

From Eduardo Coe, Buenos Aires - Argentine who was one of the more than 9,000 people to disappear during the dictatorship between 1976 and 1983. He is also widely suspected of involvement in the disappearance of two French nuns.

Vast plague of desert locusts threatens north-east Africa

From Alastair Matheson, Nairobi - The most serious infestation of desert locust swarms into much of north-eastern Africa since 1968 is forecast for later this year by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).



Challenge to Reagan in budget

From Christopher Thomas, Washington - Congress has given final approval to a \$1,000 billion (\$291.7 billion) federal budget for 1988, setting the stage for a summer of fighting with the White House over taxation and defence provisions that President Reagan opposes.

EEC's financial wrangle persists

yet again with extra cash to meet this year's shortfall of nearly £4 billion (due to farm spending and the fall in the oil), or to agree to a tax on dollars and fats which the Commission says would bring in over £1 billion a year.

Howard echoes Tories' policies

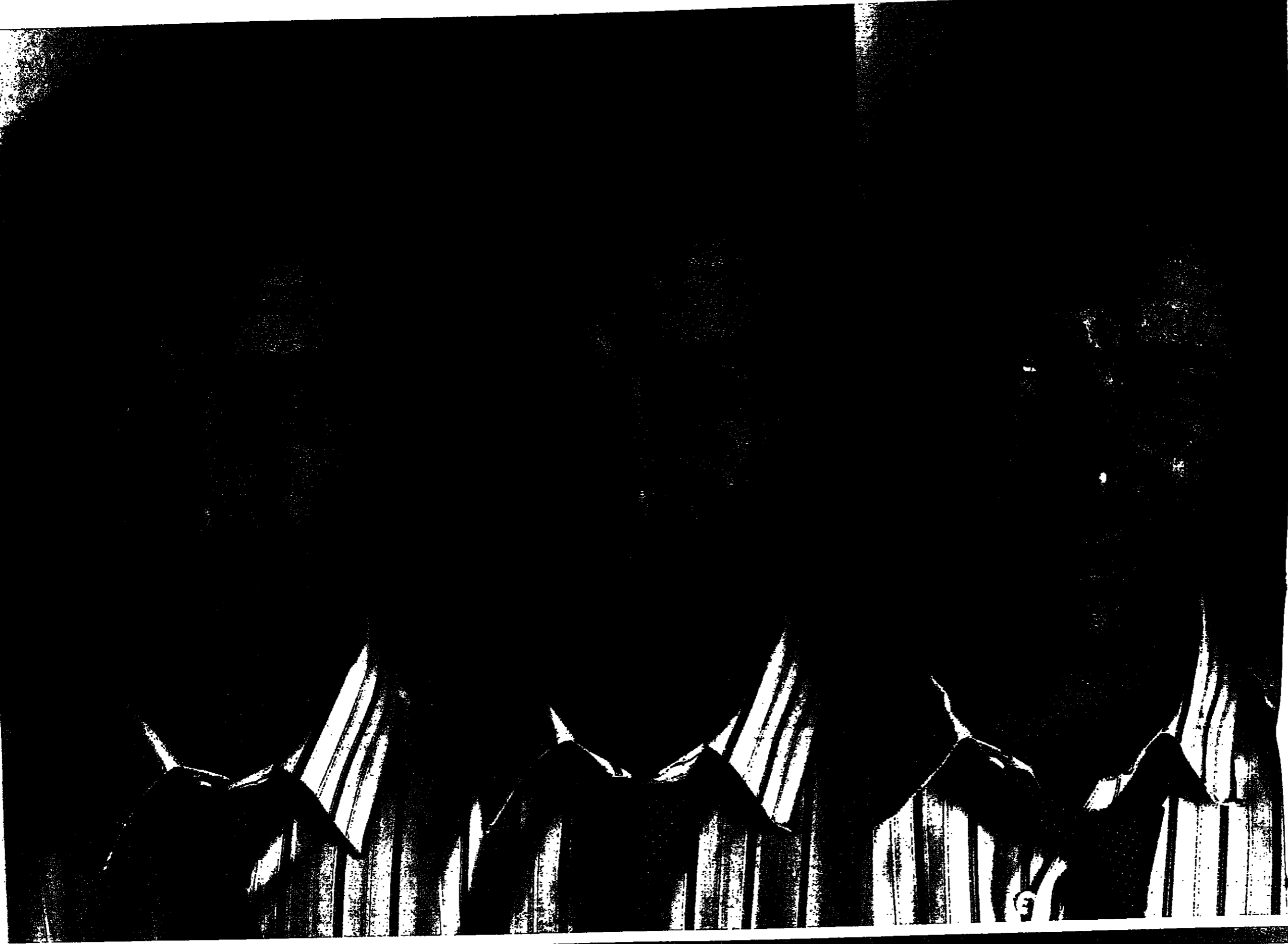
From Stephen Taylor, Sydney - Old-fashioned Australian egalitarianism is taking quite a hammering in the election campaign. With two weeks to polling day, the parties have presented their policies, and the choice for the electorate is clear - between the most right-wing programme ever produced by an Australian Labor Party, and a Liberal manifesto which could have come straight from Tory Party headquarters.

On Tuesday, Mr Bob Hawke, the Labor Prime Minister, set the tone with a flashy Opera House launch before a celebrity audience. It was a long way from Mr Ben Chifley, the first-Catholic Prime Minister who refused ever to wear a dress suit.

Yesterday was the turn of Mr John Howard, the Opposition leader. Mr Howard is an admirer of Mrs Thatcher, and his speech showed it. A Liberal government, he told an enthusiastic audience at Sydney's State Theatre, would make Australia a more productive competitive country - by curbing the excesses of trade union power and rewarding initiative.

The Liberal leader acknowledged that his policy for extracting the country from its economic difficulties was not aimed at the trade union vote, or parts of the business community, but at "middle Australia". The Liberal prescription was "lower tax and greater government". Mr Howard said the proposal for a standard tax rate of 25 per cent with a top level of 38 per cent was not - as Labor has asserted - a cynical election sweetener, but part of a two-pronged strategy to give Australia a competitive edge in international trade again.

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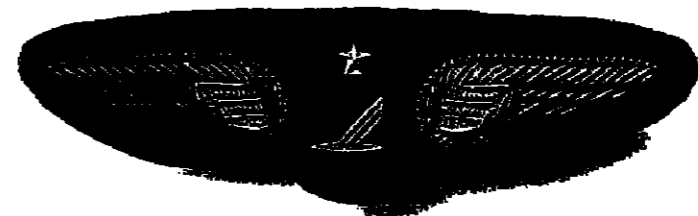
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South Korean opposition faces crucial test of popular support

Chun appeal fails to avert planning for nationwide marches

From David Watts, Seoul

Plans were going ahead in South Korea for nationwide peace marches today, despite appeals from President Chun Doo Hwan and the Seoul police chief for people to stay away from this crucial test of opposition support.

In a statement, the President spoke of "earnest efforts" to resolve the crisis and called on the opposition to find "their insistence on solving all problems" hastily in "one sweep". The Seoul police chief said the organizers of the National Coalition for a Democratic Constitution were "again openly scheming with one of the opposition parties to stage demonstrations" and warned of stern legal action against those who disobey.

Mr. Gaston Sigur, the US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said he had called on President Chun not to use martial law to quell dissent. The Korean leadership had to come to grips with their situation.

"Our position is crystal clear. We oppose martial law. We would hate to see anything like that happen. Any use of

the armed forces in this situation, in our view, is unwarranted," Mr. Sigur said. On the eve of his departure he said it was not for the United States to set timetables for democratic change. Any change must come from Koreans themselves.

It now appears that the thrust of the President's line is to meet with Mr. Kim Young Sam and other political leaders in order to discuss the withdrawal of his statement. The withdrawal of his statement, due months ago in which he ruled off further discussion of constitutional debate until after the Olympics in Seoul next year.

Mr. Kim Young Sam interpreted his stance as inflexible but in a meeting with Mr. Lee Myeong Woo of the New Korea Democratic Party, the President was quite categorical about his revocation of the statement.

But there is no evidence that he has changed his belief that either he or his successor, Mr. Roh Tae Woo, should maintain power until after the Olympics. Mr. Roh has been delegated to negotiate, and since Mr. Kim Young Sam refuses to meet him the only

immediate political developments seem likely to be an announcement of the Government's political programme or a resumption of National Assembly sittings. Since the Assembly has already considered constitutional reform for a year and not nowhere, there seems little prospect of progress without a change of heart on both sides.

Although the local press may have given the impression that the President's going to be an important test of the Government's ability to stay in control, and of the opposition's willingness and ability to get people out on to the streets. Already a hard core of some 15-20,000 students have pledged to take part.

"The question now is whether Mr. Kim Young Sam will keep his promise and join the marchers," said one of the crowd leaders. Mr. Kim Dae Jung, another principal opposition figure, will raise an alternative of house arrest, trying to take part. So far, he has said that he will do nothing to inflame tensions.



South Korea's dissident leader Mr Kim Dae Jung, left, celebrating his release from house arrest with Mr Kim Young Sam, president of the opposition Reunification Democratic Party in Seoul yesterday. Mr Kim Dae Jung was freed on Wednesday.

Bitter factional divisions help to hold back democracy

By James Cotton

For 11 months after April 1986 the introduction of a democratic constitution was up for discussion in South Korea. The present crisis dates from President Chun Doo Hwan's embargo on further debate until after the 1988 Seoul Olympics — by which time he expected his chosen successor, Mr Roh Tae Woo, would be firmly in place.

President Chun's decision was undoubtedly made easier by bitter factional division within the largest of the opposition parties, but in making it he showed that he was aware that his party might lose if new electoral rules were introduced, an event which would have drastic consequences at least for himself and his associates, if not also for the extensive military and security establishments.

He may also have weighed the

likelihood of a new political intervention from younger restive members of the officer corps in the event of an opposition breakthrough.

Mr Chun's decision has touched off a conflict in the last fortnight in which it appeared that former members of the military, bent on perpetuating the authoritarian political system brought into being by Mr Chun's predecessor (also a former general, the late Park Chung Hee), were pitted against civilian politicians, implacably committed to the introduction of democracy.

Now it is true that both Mr Chun and the man he has nominated as presidential candidate for the governing Democratic Justice Party (DJP) are former army generals. Their opponents, by contrast, are political figures who emerged in the long and arduous struggle against the decision by

Park to abandon after 1971 any pretext of ruling through or with the help of elected institutions.

Indeed one of them, Mr Kim Dae Jung, released from house arrest yesterday, if not the uncrowned king of Korean politics, is the unexpected president. In 1971, in a presidential contest which came the closest ever seen in Korea to being a national choice between authoritarianism and democracy, Mr Kim received 43 per cent of the officially certified popular vote as against Park's 34 per cent, despite extensive government interference and support from the military. From that time onwards he became a marked man, enduring kidnapping, an assassination attempt (abortive at the last minute as a result of pressure from the United States), imprisonment and constant harassment.

Korean politics, however, is more complicated than would seem from

this confrontation. Though Seoul comprises Korean terms an immense concentration of wealth and education, possessing close to one quarter of the nation's 42 million people, in other regions — and particularly in the rural areas — different attitudes and conditions often prevail. Park Chung Hee came to recognize this, fostering support through the military devoted to rural reconstruction by way of the New Community Movement.

Moreover, Korean politics is not a matter of electoral following and of personal factions. This is true of much of the military as of civilian politicians — Chun and Kim came from the same city, went to the same high school, and were graduates of the same class of the Korean Military Academy. The largest of the opposition parties, the Party for Reunification and Democracy (PRD) is an uneasy amalgam of two

factions, those of Mr Kim Dae Jung and Mr Kim Young Sam. Its predecessor, the New Korea Democratic Party, fell apart as a result of inter-factional dissension, even though this significantly weakened the influence of those who had sought so long to oust the Government.

Factional politics is a feature of the DPRK government since its formation in 1948, and often involves bitter and often violent struggles over such matters as the national flag and the national anthem.

Korean politics is also regionally based. In a 1986 accident that Kyongsang province, in the south-east corner of the peninsula, is the home of the largest industrial plants since both Park and Chun are from that province.

Seoul's role as host to the 1988 Olympics, a role avidly sought by the Chun Government, now

presents the opposition with an ideal opportunity to put the ruling party under intense pressure.

But even if Korea emerges from the present troubles with a democratized constitution these factors will remain to complicate a Korean political system thus transformed. It should be recognized that military rule has exacerbated these complicating factors. It has not been their principal cause. The withdrawal of the military from politics, if it occurs, amounts then only to a precondition, though an essential precondition, for the creation of representative institutions. With no tradition of consensus, and accustomed to a consensus only achieved by force, there will be no easy road to Korean democracy.

The author is Deputy Director of the East Asia Centre, Newcastle University.

Stricken Stark takes to sea again

Manama, Bahrain (AP) — The frigate USS Stark took to sea on a test run yesterday, its first cruise since the May 17 Iraqi missile attack that killed 37 crewmen.

Initial repairs were completed ahead of schedule, and the ship looked in good condition, marine salvage executives said.

A Turkish tanker hit by an Iraqi missile in the Gulf on Wednesday was being towed to Dubai for repairs yesterday (Reuter reports).

Groom killed

Delhi (Reuter) — At least 21 people, including the bridegroom, were killed and 18 injured when a tractor taking guests to a wedding hit a bus.

Killer rum

Manila (AP) — Seventeen people died and 21 are in hospital, some with brain damage, after drinking illegally made rum.

Drugs seized

Bangkok (AP) — Paramilitary troops raided a heroin refinery in northern Thailand and seized 432 lb of the drug.

Freedom swim

Vienam (AP) — A Czechoslovakian in a diving suit swam to freedom under the river Thaya on the Czechoslovak-Austrian border.

Worm turns

Moscow (AFP) — A fisherman who found £25,000 of Tsarist gold coins while digging for worms in Yakutsk has been jailed for trying to sell them.

Manila blast

Manila (Reuter) — Two people were injured when a bomb exploded outside the home of Cardinal Jaime Sin.

Chemical raids

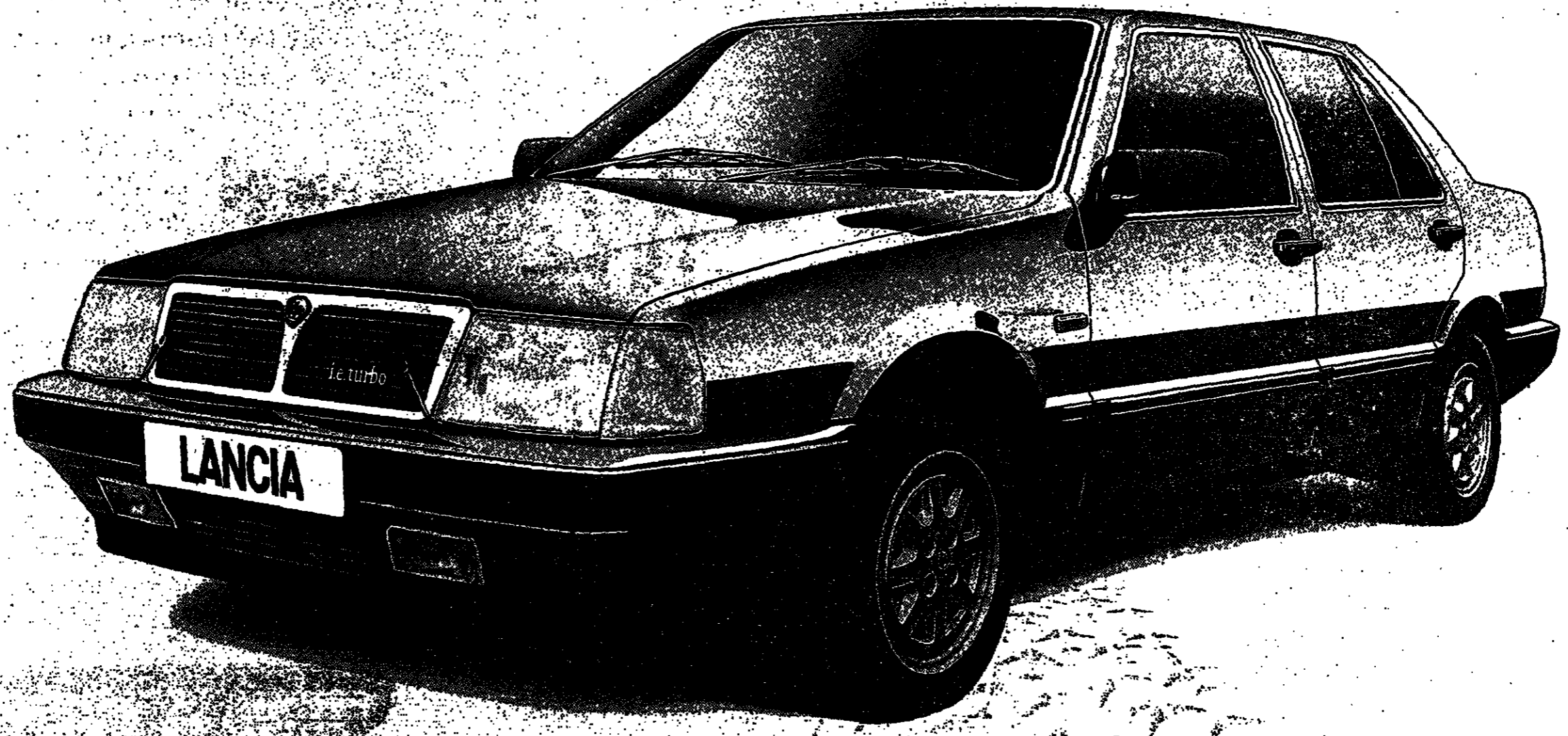
Moscow (Reuter) — Afghan army units in Kabul Province have seized more than 200 US-made chemical mines, Tass said.

Student jailed

Cape Town (Reuter) — A student who spray-painted anti-government slogans, including one calling President Botha a lesbian, has been jailed for a year.

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Syria toughens line on Beirut kidnappers Captors of Glass given ultimatum

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

The Syrians yesterday served notice on the kidnappers in west Beirut that they were still insisting on the immediate release of Mr Charles Glass...

Urgent consultations on the hostage crisis and is due to return to west Beirut today with details of the Syrian Government's decisions...

Ouzai only 300 yards from a Syrian checkpoint. According to the account of the bodyguard, Mr Sulaiman Salman, he, Mr Osseiran and Mr Glass were blonde-haired...



Mr Adel Osseiran, Lebanon's Defence Minister, holding the hand of his son, Ali, who was released by Beirut kidnappers.

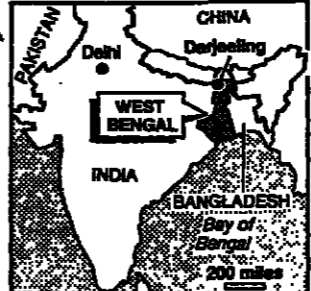
Daggers drawn as the Gurkhas take on Delhi

From Gavin Bell, Darjeeling, India

The young Gurkha unsheathed the long, curved blade of his father's kukri, the fearsome traditional dagger of his race...

raids under cover of darkness against buildings, installations and communications. The GNLF has studiously avoided any direct confrontation with the security forces...

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European missile debate Military tie sought by Paris and Bonn

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent. The present anxiety over Europe's security after the removal of American medium-range nuclear missiles has forced two countries who have twice been at war with each other this century to consider new military links...

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UN anti-torture treaty not signed by Britain

By Caroline Moorehead. Twenty countries, of which Britain is not one, today bring into effect the United Nations Covenant Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment...



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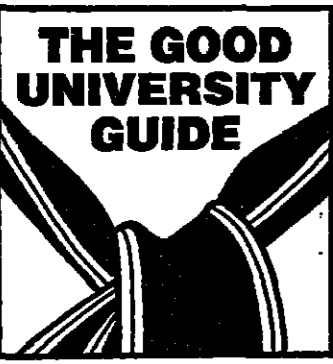
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Kissing farewell to salad days



Term is ending, and Paul Vallely reflects on social life at university...

Part 5: Life outside the lectures

In the hollow of a steeply banked lawn, sheltered by the honeyed stone of one of Bristol University's grander Victorian buildings...



Extra-curricular activities at an end: two Birmingham University students embrace and say a warm goodbye at the finish of another term

The student politicians were by now in the Mandela Bar discussing, as politicians of all stations are wont to do, the apathy of their fellows...

there with empty coffee cups, procrastinating over yet another cigarette.

Work? We just do the minimum really, enough to get by on the assessment essays.

What there is plenty of, surprisingly enough, is television.

When you go into the bar none is talking about Lenin's theory of imperialism or metaphysical poetry...

University teachers sadly concur. The stereotype of the student in Mrs Thatcher's model Britain is a hard-working, aggressive vocationalist.

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OXFORD

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READING

Site: 300-acre campus on southern outskirts of town, with lake and woods.

ST ANDREWS

Site: Buildings mix in with town centre. Numbers: 3,800, of whom about half are Scottish.

SALFORD

Site: 34-acre campus one mile from town centre. Numbers: 3,800. M/F 3:1.

John Moore, MP

John Moore (Profile, June 18) undertook national service with the Royal Sussex Regiment from 1955 to 1957...

OXFORD to YORK

Recreation: Social cohesion difficult. Most students based in Jordanstown, Northern Ireland.

UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology)

Site: Manchester city centre. Numbers: 4,000. M/F 3:1.

WARWICK

Site: Modern, landscaped campus three miles south-west of Coventry.

YORK

Site: Large campus two miles from city centre, linked by bus.

ULSTER

Site: Four sites, spread around Northern Ireland. Numbers: 7,400. M/F 1:1.

OXFORD

Site: One of best technological universities in country. 75% scientists or engineers.

SHEFFIELD

Site: City centre buildings. Numbers: 8,000. M/F 4:3.

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Site: Campus has been likened to little Tuscan town clinging to hill in Guildford.

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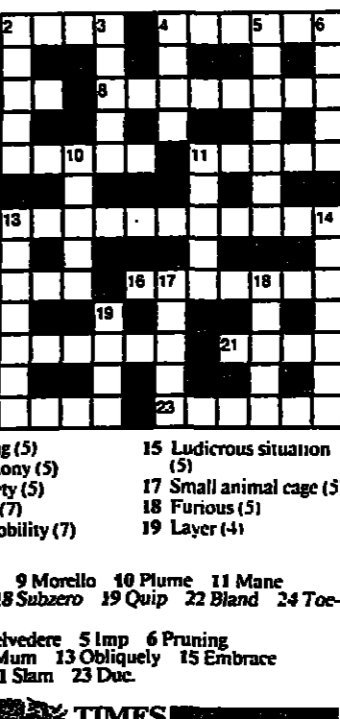
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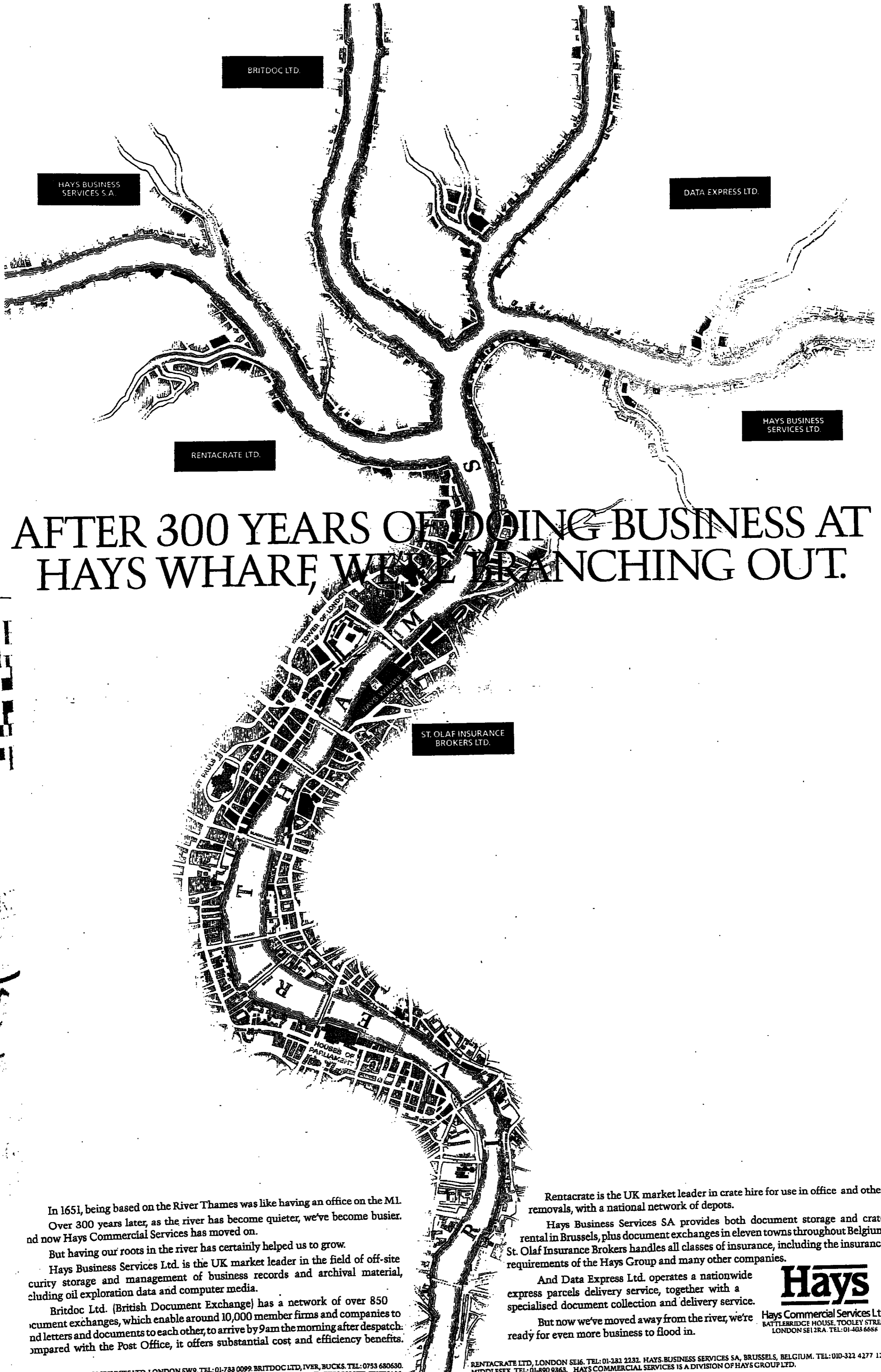
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Four Hundred Ball

Princess Margaret, President of the Victoria League, was the guest of honour at the Four Hundred Ball held at the Dorchester hotel last night...

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Eric Giles will be held at St James's Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, London, EC4, on Tuesday, June 30 at 10.45am.

The Earl of St Andrews celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Mr Colin Wilson is 56 today. Mr Claudio Abbado, conductor, 54; Sir Campbell Adamson, Chairman, Abbey National Building Society, 65; the Hon Betty Askwith, authoress, 78; Sir Alan Bailey, civil servant, 56; Sir Ashley Clark, president, Venice in Peril Fund, 84; Mr Justice Eastham, 67; Dr Alexander Fenton, research director, National Museums of Scotland, 58; Mr Willie Hamilton, former MP for Fife Central, 78; Professor Sir Keith Hancock, historian, 89; Rear-Admiral Sir David Haslam, 64; Vice-Admiral Sir John Lancaster, 84; Sir Jack Longland, former director of education, Derbyshire, 63; Sir Peter Miles, Keeper of the Privy Purse and Treasurer to the Queen, 63; Professor Sir Ian Peacock, economist, 65; Mr Ian Press, ornithologist, 58; Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, 68; Brigadier Sir Charles Spry, 77; Professor Maurice Wilkes, computer scientist, 74; Mr Colin Wilson, author, 56.

OBITUARY

DR GRACE THORNTON

Woman in a man's world



Dr Grace Thornton, CBE, LVO, who died on June 23 at the age of 73, had a lively and distinguished career in the largely male world of the Diplomatic Service. Clara Grace Thornton was born on June 27, 1913, only daughter of a jeweller. She was educated at Kettering High School and at Newnham College, Cambridge, where she retained an active association for the rest of her life.

take charge of the consular department. On her retirement, in 1973, she took the job as secretary of the Women's National Commission - a body of women working to impress upon a male world the views of their female colleagues. It's scope had hitherto been confined to national issues, but its new secretary was keen to widen its horizons. In the service of her old college she also gave of her time and talents, and was an associate fellow (1972 to 1981) and president of the Newnham Roll. The college made her an honorary fellow in 1982. While in Lisbon, on the eve of Christmas 1968, Grace Thornton had received, from old friends on the Danish newspaper Berlingske Tidende, a copy of Hans Christian Andersen's account of his visit to Portugal in 1866. During her time at the consular office she translated it into English, and saw it published in 1972. A Visit to Spain, 1862 followed three years later. Her final Andersen translation, this time from the Dutch, was published in 1985, entitled A Visit to Germany, Italy and Malta, 1840-41. Grace Thornton was an unflappable and splendidly outspoken woman. To look at her she seemed fiercely formidable ("my housekeeper calls it my 'frightening the horses look'"). Convinced as she was of her own abilities, she had no time for "liberated" females in search of "an identity", explaining that she did not have to fight male opposition in the Foreign Office - "they soon learned we didn't lose the keys or get seduced by South Americans". She was unmarried.

spread, she called for the immediate evacuation of 166 civilians, British nationals among them, trapped at the Shell oilfields at Balikpapan in east Borneo. She flew to the area bearing a letter from the Indonesian Government and, on her arrival, was authorized by the British ambassador, Andrew Gilchrist, to take whatever steps she felt necessary to effect a successful evacuation. She organized their flight to Djakarta from where they were taken by the RAF to Singapore. When she alighted at Singapore airport, she modestly disclaimed all praise for the enterprise. Among the "evacuees" were the baggage of Major Roderick Walter, who had defiantly played on as the Indonesians assailed the Djakarta embassy. Many of Grace Thornton's personal effects remained behind. Her next posting, in 1965, was as consul-general to Lisbon, where she remained until 1970, returning to the Foreign Office in London to take

Thereafter, Grace Thornton's diplomatic career was nothing other than distinguished and it is to the Diplomatic Service's discredit (and the nation's loss) that she appeared never to have been offered an embassy. She returned to the Foreign Office in 1951 and worked in the American department. In 1954, she returned to Copenhagen, this time as 1st secretary and consul. After a spell at the Brussels embassy (1960-2), where she handled information matters, she went to Djakarta, where she was consul-general. In the tense autumn of 1963, with civil unrest wide-

JACKIE GLEASON

Jackie Gleason, the chubby American entertainer and film actor, died on June 24. He was 71. Born Herbert John Gleason in Brooklyn on February 26, 1916, he spent his early years standing around on street corners and hustling in pool halls. He worked as a master of ceremonies of amateur shows, and in a Newark nightclub where he kept the audience amused by insulting them, occasionally stepping into the alley to fight it out with a customer. He was unfit for war service, and spent several lean years doing club work and bit parts in Broadway shows. Gleason emerged as a comic film man, and from 1941 had a some small film parts. But his film career failed at first to develop and he turned to the stage, playing on Broadway and in stock companies. In 1949 he turned to television, starting with Cavalcade of Stars - a variety show in which he developed his string of stock characters. One skit in Cavalcade - "The Honey-moored up into a series in 1955. He also played the lead in a popular television comedy series, The Life of Riley. Meanwhile his career was in full swing with The Jackie Gleason Show. He ran every aspect of the production, working so hard that he had to be given oxygen on the set. Now financially secure, he enjoyed a bet (\$100-a-hole in a round of golf). On his friends he lavished a pig, a goat, 600lbs of manure and a basketful of shrunken heads.



the double-dealing manager of an ageing boxer, played by Anthony Quinn, in Requiem for a Heavyweight (known in this country as Blood Money). Two other good performances came in Papa's Delicate Condition, a sympathetic portrait of a kind-hearted man with a weakness for drink, and in Soldier in the Rain, with Steve McQueen, as a lonely soul who finds the army a refuge from a mocking world. Later films included Skidoo (1968), Otto Preminger's misconceived comedy about flower power, How to Commit Marriage, a Bob Hope vehicle, and How Do I Love Thee? with Shelley Long. After a long gap he returned to the screen in 1977 as the portly sheriff Buford T. Ford in a comedy about truck drivers, Smokey and the Bandit. Gleason's insatiable appetite for food, alcohol and cigarettes was legendary. "My favourite wine", he explained, "is anything made out of grapes". Although he could not read or write music, he recorded numerous, best-selling records of mainly nostalgic tunes, and composed a ballet. He hummed the melodies which were then set to music. He invented children's games, designed jewellery and clothes, researched widely in psychic phenomena and was an accomplished hypnotist. He was three times married.

CAPTAIN RICHARD STEELE

Captain Richard Campbell Steele, who died on June 20 at the age of 91, had a long naval career, in the Supply and Paymaster branches, and was present at some of the most interesting naval actions of the two world wars. In retirement he devoted himself to naval charitable work. Born at Blackheath on July 29, 1895, he went to Brighton Grammar School and by 1913 was serving at sea as a clerk in the dreadnought Conqueror. In 1914 he transferred to the battle-cruiser Invincible and soon saw action at the battle of Heligoland Bight. This was a daring - though, alas, not to be repeated - foray, in which British ships broke into Germany's most jealously-guarded coastal waters, and sank two cruisers, besides damaging several others. A few months later, from Invincible's foretop, where he had been invited by her gunnery officer, Commander Hubert Dannreuther, Steele witnessed the virtual annihilation of Admiral von Spee's squadron by Admiral Sturdee off the Falkland Islands. He was fortunate to be transferred from Invincible shortly before Jutland, as the battle-cruiser was one of the main casualties of that battle, blowing up dramatically, after being hit by a German salvo. Steele's friend Dannreuther was one of only six survivors of the disaster, being thrown from the foretop into the sea well clear of the stricken ship. Later appointed commander in the new battle-cruiser Renown, Dannreuther made Steele his secretary. Between the wars Steele served as Paymaster or

Captain's Secretary in a number of ships, and was appointed Paymaster-Commander of the new aircraft carrier Ark Royal in 1938. He saw a great deal of action in this famous ship, including the sinking of the battleship Bismarck in May 1941. He was still aboard Ark Royal when she was herself sunk in the Mediterranean by the Germans, later in the year. Steele served from the first day to the last in both world wars, completing his active career as Supply Officer in Alexandria in 1946. After his retirement he worked as secretary of the Royal Naval Benevolent Society until beyond the age of 80. He leaves a widow and a son, and a daughter by a previous marriage.

MR BERTRAM BLOCH

Mr Bertram Bloch, playwright and novelist, died in New York on June 20. He was 95. His first Broadway play was Glory Hallelujah (1926), written with Thomas Mitchell. A later success was Dark Victory (co-authored with George Brewer, jnr). This starred Tallulah Bankhead on Broadway in 1934, and later featured Bette Davis, in one of her most celebrated movies. Among his novels were Mrs Hulen, set in the upper echelons of American society, and The Little Landress and the Feawful Knight, a mock fairy tale, which manages to avoid whimsy and sentimental silliness.

Receptions

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a reception in Speakers' House yesterday after the State Opening of Parliament. The Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet, other members of both Houses of Parliament, Ambassadors and other guests were present. Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Acting Deputy Chairman of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, UK Branch, and Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, joint honoree, were hosts at a reception held yesterday in the Houses of Parliament by the executive committee of the branch for High Commissioners and other representatives of Commonwealth countries in London and visiting Commonwealth members attending the State Opening of Parliament.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Morland, painter, London, 1763; William Thomson, Baron Kelvin, physicist, Glasgow, 1824; Sir Robert Borden, prime minister of Canada 1911-20, Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, 1854. DEATHS: Francisco Pizarro, conqueror of the Inca empire, Lima, Peru, 1541; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, 1793; Joseph Montgolfier, pioneer of ballooning, Balazuc-les-Bains, France, 1810; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, 1793; Joseph Montgolfier, pioneer of ballooning, Balazuc-les-Bains, France, 1810; Gilbert White, clergyman and naturalist, Selborne, Hampshire, 1793. Mr K.D.G. Kirk and Miss L.C.S.K. Secombe. The engagement is announced between Mr K.D.G. Kirk, eldest son of the late Sir Peter Kirk and of Lady Kirk, and Miss L.C.S.K. Secombe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Reginald and Lady Secombe, Warrill Hall, Mildenhall, Suffolk. Mr J.E. Baird and Miss E.M. Robson. The engagement is announced between James Edward, elder son of Dr and Mrs J.W. Baird, of Estoi, Portugal, late of North Yorkshire, and Elisabeth Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Robson, of Lankester, Durham. Mr L. Bertrand and Miss S. Jackson. The engagement is announced between Leo, son of Mr A. Bertrand, of Co Cork and St Germain en Laye, France, and Mrs Tess d'Eranger, of Hailley, Oxfordshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr Commodore and Mrs N. Jackson, of Dorking, Surrey. Mr I.D.M. Doonan and Miss R. de B. Roberts. The engagement is announced between Ian David Mills, son of Colonel and Mrs T. Doonan, of Kintbury, Berkshire, and Rosalind de Boland, elder daughter of Mr J. Roberts, of Moanvaun, Co Tipperary, Republic of Ireland. Mr A.P. Fabian and Miss J.K.M. Morris. The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Mr H.C.G. Fabian and of Mrs Fabian, of Alden, Surrey, and Joan, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Commander W.D.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Charles T. Legard and Miss C.S. Weston. The engagement is announced between Charles Legard, Bl of Scampton, and Caroline Weston, of Huttons Ambo, York. The marriage will take place shortly. Mr K.D.G. Kirk and Miss L.C.S.K. Secombe. The engagement is announced between Mr K.D.G. Kirk, eldest son of the late Sir Peter Kirk and of Lady Kirk, and Miss L.C.S.K. Secombe, daughter of Mr and Mrs Reginald and Lady Secombe, Warrill Hall, Mildenhall, Suffolk. Mr J.E. Baird and Miss E.M. Robson. The engagement is announced between James Edward, elder son of Dr and Mrs J.W. Baird, of Estoi, Portugal, late of North Yorkshire, and Elisabeth Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Robson, of Lankester, Durham. Mr L. Bertrand and Miss S. Jackson. The engagement is announced between Leo, son of Mr A. Bertrand, of Co Cork and St Germain en Laye, France, and Mrs Tess d'Eranger, of Hailley, Oxfordshire, and Susan, daughter of Mr Commodore and Mrs N. Jackson, of Dorking, Surrey. Mr I.D.M. Doonan and Miss R. de B. Roberts. The engagement is announced between Ian David Mills, son of Colonel and Mrs T. Doonan, of Kintbury, Berkshire, and Rosalind de Boland, elder daughter of Mr J. Roberts, of Moanvaun, Co Tipperary, Republic of Ireland. Mr A.P. Fabian and Miss J.K.M. Morris. The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of the late Mr H.C.G. Fabian and of Mrs Fabian, of Alden, Surrey, and Joan, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Commander W.D.

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Working through the grief

Velda Henman was devastated by the death of her young son, but, as she tells Jane Bidder, she has found solace in writing and research

On a sunny April afternoon two years ago, a two and a half foot pile of sand collapsed on nine-year-old Fraser Henman and suffocated him to death in the grounds of his parents' beautiful 16th century farm. Tomorrow his mother Velda sees the publication of her first book: the history of Islip, a neighbouring village to her home in the hamlet of Noke in Oxfordshire. At first sight, the subject matter seems unrelated to 41-year-old Velda's tragedy. But it is her way of expurgating part of the nightmare which every mother dreads: "That morning we'd been picking primroses with Fraser and our other child Corinne, now 13. Later on in the afternoon, I called him in for tea. He didn't come. My husband went out to look for him and found Fraser dead under some building sand which he'd been tunnelling through. It was such a tiny pile - about so high." She lifts one hand in the air. "When they told me, my first thought was: 'It's happened at last. Now I don't have to watch out for danger any more.' Looking back, it seems a strange reaction but I suppose it's because all parents are terrified of losing a child."

The grieving brought Velda even closer to her husband Geoffrey. They set about the practical side of starting over, throwing themselves into running the farm. But the experience had severely knocked Velda's self-esteem and affected her memory: "I'd start a sentence and forget how to finish. Apparently it happens when you lose a child." Six months later came the watershed: "We'd been to an open day in Islip, a village I'd always known and loved since childhood. There was a local history exhibition in the hall which interested me because I'd done a Masters degree in librarianship at Loughborough University two years before getting married. My thesis had been a bibliography of the sources for the social and economic history of Islip because of my own personal connections. "While I was looking round the exhibition, I suddenly realized it was silly to have all my information sitting in a folder at home. If I made it more readable for a layman, it would be much more useful. I also hoped it might bring my memory back and act as a sort of therapy."



Velda Henman with son Russell: "Sheer doggedness and determination"

I'd been on my first day at university. But that passed and soon the library became a comforting cocoon from the outside world. There were the days when the grief was so overriding that Velda could not pick up a pen: "It's in your head constantly even though you're doing something else." On the other hand, the traditional pattern of village life soothed her: "All sorts of people would come up and admit that they had lost a child, too. It helps to live in a community where you're active. It's part of the cycle: Islip and other villages have existed

for years. We're playing out our life events in the same place that our ancestors played out theirs." She also discovered that her scholarly side, dormant for nearly 14 years, eased her grief. She gleaned a genuine delight from the painstaking task of tracing sources through microfilm of old newspapers, quarterly sessions and parish council meetings stored in Oxford libraries. She points out with enthusiasm such discoveries as Jackson's Oxford Journal dated October 4, 1784, which describes one Mr Sadler who "tried the Experiment of his First Balloon raised by means of rarefied

Air" which eventually "came down upon a small Eminence betwixt Islip and Wood Eaton". This academic pleasure and impetus to write is not unusual in bereaved parents, according to the Society for Compassionate Friends which says that many families feel a "need to write things down". But what they normally want to write about is the loss itself. Cruse (the National Organization for the Widowed and their Children which now counsels families on all losses and not just the deaths of partners) agrees.

Susan Wallbank, a Cruse counsellor, explains: "We find people who have never written anything before will start doing so after a death. It's a good way of clearing your thoughts and it can be used as a measure to look back on later and see how far you've progressed." Velda discovered another untapped talent: drawing. "I couldn't find any suitable illustrations for the book so I got a black felt-tip pen and began sketching contemporary scenes, leaving out the telephone poles so that they looked authentically old. To my surprise the publisher wanted to use them." Then came another discovery: morning sickness. "It was a big decision to have another child after such a gap. But Russell, now 10 months, was never intended to be a replacement. There were times when I battled with the book and nausea so badly that I wondered what I'd taken on. But it all worked out and I finished the manuscript about three weeks before he arrived." Has the book changed her? "Nothing can ever make us forget but it has brought back some self-esteem and it's sorted out my memory up to a point." Velda even feels ready to write a book for bereaved parents ("It was too soon before"). As I was leaving, I noticed a small children's sandpit by the front door. It's perfectly safe (about two inches deep) but its very existence is a triumph of sanity, as is Velda's ability to talk about her lost son. "He loved life," she says, looking round the windswept farmyard. "The funny thing is that I know he'd have liked reading this book. History was one of his favourite subjects."

An ordinary heroism?



BARBARA AMIEL

It was the furthest thing from my mind when I went on holiday this month. All the same, I put a copy of *Life and Death in Shanghai* by Nien Cheng in my suitcase. It was published a couple of years ago, but there wasn't much fuss until it appeared in the US this month. Suddenly, the 72-year-old authoress was popping up on chat shows from San Francisco to Chicago with the energy of a presidential candidate. The autobiographical story of an elderly woman's 14-year imprisonment in the lunatic asylum of Mao Tse-tung's China seemed unpromising as summer reading. But Mrs Cheng's thoughts stayed with me, as it were. Perhaps it was a seemingly unrelated event like the inclusion of Dr Pauline Chanting in the Queen's Birthday Honours List that did it, but I started to wonder once again what it is that occasionally makes apparently ordinary people behave in extraordinarily heroic ways. So I read *Life and Death in Shanghai* last week and sat for nearly three hours after I had finished the book, watching the light slip away, waiting for some sign. Then I called Nien Cheng in Washington, DC, where she now lives. I wanted to be precise, but the words congealed. "How did you find such strength?" I asked miserably. She was no help at all. "You'd be surprised," she said, "what you can do when you are faced with difficulties." She was 51 years old when she was arrested in Shanghai in 1966, a widow raising her 24-year-old daughter. She had returned to China after working abroad, ready to help Mao build the new world. "How could I not have known after Stalin?" she would later ask herself, her hands swollen to the size of melons in the brass handcuffs that manacled her wrists behind her back, leaving scars with her today. For seven years she would be in solitary confinement, accused of being a spy for "foreign imperialists". Her freedom would be offered at the price of implicating others. She would never give in. Seven years later she would be released to find that her daughter had been murdered in the Cultural Revolution. In 1980, aged 65, she was allowed to leave America. The communists had failed. They had never found the key - the personal nightmare that George Orwell describes as the ultimate weapon in Room 101 of the Ministry of Love - to breaking the spirit of Nien Cheng. Perhaps it is because there was no key. Perhaps occasionally the gods create a human being to remind us of the splendour of the human spirit; but apart from pointing this out, what can one say? The book illustrates the

fundamental difference between the nightmare of Stalin and that of Mao. The Chinese madness is the need to debate and reason with the starved and handcuffed Mrs Cheng rather than simply throw her into the Gulag. It remains a great mystery to me that after the fine hopes of the Enlightenment, which was to solve all ills by the application of reason, the 20th century either abandoned reason in favour of cults and drugs or turned it into the bloodthirsty duty of "scientific" and national socialism. Neither Diderot nor Voltaire would have been surprised to have been preceded by a Mao Tse-tung, but they would never have expected to be followed by him.

Both art and politics are well served by Mrs Cheng's book. Her spare account of China from 1949 until the present reminds us how the pursuit of any goal, no matter how elevated, will turn infernal unless it is guided by principles of ordinary morality. Making a more just society for the people is a noble goal; attempting to create that society by coercion and slave labour is Stalinism. Her life shows that one person can make a difference.

Her life shows that one person can make a difference

TALKBACK

From D A Fenner, Headmaster, Allyn's School, Dulwich, London SE22
I wish to correct an impression given in "The Impassioned Facts of Life" (June 3). Allyn's takes the vast majority of its children at 11, not 13, and the biology department provides a highly-structured pattern of sex education for the first three years. Thereafter the pattern becomes less structured, as we stated, with moral issues being emphasized by the Chaplain and other tutors.
From Paul Horner, Rossett Close, Llandoff, Cardiff
A recent survey recommended 20 mugs per week as the maximum safe alcohol intake for a male adult. Mr Davenport's diet, as reported in "Family food and fitness" (June 18) suggests he consumes up to 35 units per week. Yet Professor Williams describes his health prospects as "excellent". May we therefore assume that regular exercise compensates for what otherwise may be considered a risky alcohol intake.

There's life in the old doll yet

Barbie has toured America dressed in fashions from the world's most famous designers. She has had her portrait painted by the late Andy Warhol, joined Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley and Jackie Kennedy in his line-up of American icons. She has triumphed over all competition to become and remain America's most consistently popular doll. Anyone who has any doubts should have been at the 1987 International Barbie Convention in Oklahoma City last weekend, where 300 avid Barbie collectors and dealers gathered to reassert the supremacy of their beloved. "She's right up there with Miss America," says one. "She's not a doll, she's a national monument," says another. It is an international gathering, the majority are women. Through Peggy Bowling, the President of the Barbie Doll Club of Oklahoma and Chairperson for this year's convention, says that the number of men attending is growing year by year: "Men alone or with

Barbie is not just the American dream doll - to her fans, she is a national monument

another male friend or a husband riding shotgun on the family cheque book." The cheque book needs guarding. For a rare prototype Barbie doll, escaped by some unreported means from the Mattel factory, the price can reach \$4,000 (£2,400). Barbie was dreamed up by Ruth Handler, who, with her husband Elliott, owned Mattel in the 1950s. (They sold out in the mid-1970s.) "My daughter Barbara used to play with paper dolls as a young child," she remembers. "She always chose the teenagers or grown up working girls, and I often thought that if we could three-dimensionalize that play pattern we'd have it made." The Mattel designers told her the cost would be prohibitive, but

Barbie and her fans: Susan Manos (left) and Peggy Bowling

after seeing a German doll with a grown-up figure in Europe, Ruth persevered. Mattel employed a dress designer and three years later Barbie, the teenage fashion model, was launched. Barbie mania strikes in unexpected places. A young reporter covering the convention for *Good Morning, America* has a euphoric glint in her eye; she tells tales of the 27 Barbies that she owned as a child, and the four sisters who lived down the road who owned 64 between them. She recalls a wedding ceremony that put Dynasty's massacre in Moldova to shame when one of the sisters, in a moment of malice, waterbombed the happy couple. "The bride's mother fainted," she remembers; "the groom was distracted worrying about the bride; all the dolls were screaming!" Susan Manos, author of *The Wonder of Barbie*, says firmly: "Barbie is the most collectible doll in the world." She explains the intricacies of collecting. Not only dolls but sets of costumes can fetch hundreds of dollars, especially if all the accessories are intact - the "Roman Holiday" spectacle-case and compact-with-powder-puff are apparently particularly rare and collectors drool over them as though they had uncovered a lost Monet. Evelyn Burkhalter, who has 14,000 Barbie dolls in her Barbie Hall of Fame in Palo Alto, California, thinks that Barbie is "a representation of our history".

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MONDAY
Mountain of mourning: how K2 claimed the life of Julie Tullis

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BBC2

- 6.55 Open University: Science - Portrait of a Summer School. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 Ceefax. 10.15 Daytime on Two: the secrets of the Mary Rose...

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ITV/LONDON

- 6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Michael Weather at 6.28 and 6.55: news at 6.30; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Six Centuries of Verse. (r) Time to Remember (b/w). The year 1922. (r)

The hammer of horror

Connoisseurs of Hammer horror films who may wonder why the Frankenstein monster portrayed by Christopher Lee...



Director Terence Fisher and his screen Dracula, Christopher Lee: on BBC2, at 9.30pm

Radio 1

- MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below). 3.30am Adrian John 7.00 Greatest Songs of All Time...

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Advertisement for 'Radio' featuring a large image of a radio and text: 'Dead. The cast is headed by Rosemary Leach as Mrs Henry Wood, Miss Leslie as Mrs Edgerton and Anthony Edge as Francis Levinson (r)'

Advertisement for 'A unique holiday opportunity in the Northern Lakes' featuring a large image of a lodge and text: 'You can be one of the first to own one of the superb Swedish style lodges just completed at Keswick Bridge.'

Benefits to go if training refused

By Ronald Faux
Employment Affairs
Correspondent

Young people who refuse a place on the Youth Training Scheme will not receive social security payments and there will be no softening of the government line, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said yesterday.

"That is quite emphatically the case. It is not sensible national or human policy for people to start their adult career by going to the DHSS and drawing supplementary benefit", he said.

However, he said the Government would be considering safeguards for young people waiting to join courses that were not immediately available. Few will fall into this group, but those who do qualify could be eligible for a waiting allowance.

The present system was a proven success with about 60 per cent of young people on YTS going on to employment and 75 per cent either finding a job or entering further education, Mr Fowler said.

The minister who carried out the first comprehensive review of social security for 40 years, and who moved to employment just as the official jobless figure dropped below three million, said: "It would be ironic to suggest that I am going soft on the very point I was already pressing for as social services secretary."

The immediate changes that can be expected under the new regime include a realigning of the Manpower Services Commission into a training agency. A wider spectrum of employers will be sought to represent the industries that offer the best chances of employment. These are likely to include representatives from small industries and the tourist, service and financial service industries.

The Department of Employment also expected to become involved in the Government's inner city initiative. Success would depend on liaison between government departments and local communities.

The next session of Parliament will also see a Bill further reforming trade union law, giving protection to union members who refuse to strike and cross picket lines, and the appointment of a Commissioner to hear complaints by members against their unions.

Russians join Baron in the art of detente



Two of the Impressionist paintings to be shown at Baron Thyssen's Lugano villa (left to right) "Dame en Bleu" and "Mardi Gras", both by Cézanne. The exhibition runs from August 9 to November 14.



By Geraldine Norman
Salis Room Correspondent

Impressionist masterpieces bought in the pre-revolutionary era, which have been locked behind the Iron Curtain since 1917 will be exhibited in the West for the first time this August at Baron Thyssen's villa in Lugano, Switzerland, the Baron announced yesterday.

His eighteenth century lakeside

home, the Villa Favorita, will play host to 40 of the finest Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works from the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad and the Pushkin Museum in Moscow; works by Monet, Renoir, Sisley, Cézanne, Gauguin, Matisse and Picasso. The exhibition runs from August 9 to November 14.

Baron Thyssen, one of the richest men in the world, inherited the Villa Favorita from his father who had built

a gallery there to house his collection of Old Master paintings.

With additions by the present Baron, it is considered the finest Old Master collection in private hands. A selection of 40 of the Baron's Old Masters will be sent to Russia in exchange for the Impressionists.

Among the stars is Holbein's portrait of England's King Henry VIII which was bought from the Earl

Spencer, the Princess of Wales's grandfather, in the 1930s.

The great Russian Impressionist collectors were rich textile manufacturers, Sergei Shchukin and the Morozov brothers, Mikhail and Ivan.

Among the masterpieces coming to Lugano this summer are Shchukin's "Mardi Gras" by Cézanne, Gauguin's "Scene from Tahitian Life"

Sale room, page 6

Gorbachev shake-up for economy

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Tass summarized his five-point plan as involving: "Drastic extension of the margins of independence for amalgamations and enterprises, radical transformation of centralized economic management and the enhancing of its qualitative level."

"Cardinal reform in planning, pricing, financing and crediting. These creations of a new organizational structure that would directly introduce science in production, the transition from the command

system of management to a democratic one, and the development of self-management."

Mr Gorbachev also demanded a complete overhaul of "wholesale, purchase and retail prices and tariffs." This is certain to meet grass roots opposition as many prices are kept unrealistically low by crippling subsidies.

Western experts noted a key passage which seemed to point the way for enterprising Soviet workers and managers to earn

much higher individual salaries than at present in return for increased productivity and improved output.

In throwing down the gauntlet to the conservatives, the Soviet leader referred in uncompromising terms to what he described as "strong and tenacious negative trends" in both civilian and military life in the Soviet Union. He cited the recent landing of a West German light aircraft in the shadow of the Kremlin as a prime example of these.

17 children made wards of court

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package of measures being taken by his department to cope with the huge increase in suspected child sex abuse cases — there were only 30 in the whole of last year — confirmed that in each of the 202 current cases sexual abuse was the common thread; all the children involved had either allegedly shown evidence of sexual abuse or were deemed to be at risk from sexual abuse.

He said that the social services department was faced

with a "horrible dilemma" in having two contradictory medical opinions.

"Neither I nor the county council's legal advisers feel confident to differentiate between the evidence."

"But the council's standpoint is that our medical evidence from two consultant paediatricians still stands and they have diagnosed that these children have been sexually abused."

During the meeting a group of parents whose children

have been taken away waited outside the social services department headquarters in Middlesbrough.

Some of the parents are considering bringing legal action against the two consultants involved.

Yesterday Dr Higgs began a three week holiday. The other consultant involved in the controversy, Dr Wyatt, was working as normal. Social workers said that there had been no new referrals in the last 24 hours.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,393

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers in squares.

- ACROSS
1 Recovered ground in team again? (8)
5 Repeatedly engraved, not embellished (6)
10 Fit in girl's pockets (15)
11 Cover, too, put round article (7)
12 Occupation for the heartless French city girl (7)
13 Breakfast cooking done by prisoners (8)
15 The old city in Cannes, some say? No, in Italy (5)
18 Final character puts back a stone on ring (5)
20 Kind of herring found in the Archipelago (8)
23 Quiet like Peacock, say, or like another author (7)
25 Old money, including sovereign, for competitor (7)
26 Antidemocratic organization? (10,5)
27 Diarist's boy or girl (6)
28 Campaigner's more blunt about South Africa (8)

Concise crossword, page 14

WEATHER

The remnants of the rain will affect some eastern and south-eastern parts at first. Brighter weather with sunny spells and occasional showers will move south to these parts by the afternoon. The rest of Britain will have a brighter day with some sunshine. Some northern districts of Scotland could see the odd light shower. Western areas will gradually become cloudier and in south-western parts outbreaks of rain are likely towards evening. Temperatures will be a shade higher than yesterday's values. Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday. Cloudy in the west and north with occasional rain or drizzle and hill and coastal fog. Most other areas, after a cloudy start with some patchy rain, will become dry and fairly bright with sunny spells as it becomes warmer.

AEROBIC table with columns for Sun, Rain, and Max.

Table with columns for Sun, Rain, and Max, listing various locations and weather conditions.

CHALLENGE PUZZLE No 17,392 with grid and words: CHATLAIN, PARADE, ARABIAN, POLICE, TUNE, FRIGID, PIRATE, PATRIMONY, PRESS, REEDIER.

Notes for crossword puzzle including abbreviations and hints.

OTIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1987

Westminster sketch

Early sports day at Chatterbox House

The last sport apart from Eton Fives and Real Tennis, at which the United Kingdom leads the world was played yesterday.

But as in Real Tennis and Eton Fives, experience and cunning count for more than fitness.

The State Opening of Parliament is normally run in November but June did its best to make it seem Novemberish.

The Non-Playing Captain drove a usual from School House to Chatterbox House to announce her team's game-plan and give her annual pre-match pep talk.

It is the once-a-year day for the dignified part of the school constitution, demonstrating that it still works splendidly, in spite of rumpus in the staff common room, and despair in the inner cities.

The rules of the game are mysterious to outsiders, although the envy of lesser schools — at least so it says in the school prospectus.

The Captain is escorted to Big Side by bargemasters dressed as jockeys, and welcomed there by genealogists dressed as playing cards.

This year there is a new Keeper of Woolsacks (the equivalent of wicket keeper) in the lesser national game, watched with beady eyes by two of his predecessors sitting beside each other, hoping that he might stumble in the tricky business of walking backwards downstairs.

Lord Havers managed it with the aplomb of a stalwart of the Bad Boys' Table at the Garrick Club and discreet backward squints. The "It's a Knockout" members of the School House team were being rested after their embarrassing exertions.

The Captain herself wears old School colours going back centuries: Parliamentary robes, and a cap with the Black Prince's ruby from Agincourt and Elizabeth I's dangling pearls.

She is received in Big Side by the Sixth Form in scarlet and miniver hired for the day from the school tailor's (stripes indicate seniority and are jealously watched by the prefects).

The Ref, or Black Rod as we call him, is sent to summon the 650 new bugs or

squits, who were elected a fortnight ago, from Lower School by banging three times on the door.

There are 130 boys and girls completely new to school, looking appropriately homesick or cocky. David Blunkett, a new bug from Sheffield, brought his dog with him: the first pet (apart from the frequent fits of sulks) seen on Big Side since Magna Carta, or possibly the Witenagemot.

The Captain of Big Side is a woman (the same woman) for only the third time since the game began (which is a Good Thing), and wears a flying saucer hat that looks as though it could slice off the head of anybody who disagrues with her.

The Keeper of the Opposition from Windbags is also in sub-fuse with meaningful tie, and looks (misleadingly) as though he would never throw ink pellets at the back of class.

It is generally agreed that the Non-Playing Captain's pep talk is the meatiest since 1945, or even the Corn Laws session — but spectators always get excited on Sport's Day. She has had a lot of practice by now, and delivers her speech in a resigned boys-will-be-boys tone. It is full of controversial tactics about abolishing fagging, reducing the power of the school bullies, and doing something unmentionable to the school swots and weeds by reforming copyright.

There are the usual pious sermons about taking a leading role in developing the Headmasters' Conference or European Community, and reducing unemployment by giving the slackers impositions.

At the end the Non-Playing Captain bows briefly to the juniors who will be getting their knees dirty and whacking each other around the head with lax sticks, and leaves in a cloud of age-old School tradition. Tomorrow play commences: with backing, cheating, screams of rage, blatant knock-ons, professional fouls, shirt-tugging, abuse of line-men, unnecessary appeals, and everything else that goes to show that the efficient part of the national game is not so efficient as the dignified part is dignified.

Philip Howard

Poll tax plan at centre of Thatcher reforms

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Other measures will include:

- The Education Bill, designed to increase choice and raise standards, will provide for a national core curriculum, enable state schools whose governors and parents wish to opt out of control by the local education authority and take polytechnics out of local education authority control.
• The Local Government Bill will require councils to put out for private tender refuse collection, street cleaning, catering and other services.
• A new Trades Unions Bill to enable union members to stop the calling of strikes by their unions without majority support in a secret ballot.
• A Bill on licensing hours will allow greater flexibility in opening hours for public houses, broadly permitting them to open between 11 am and 11 pm from Monday to Saturday.
The Finance Bill and the Criminal Justice Bill will be reintroduced.

AM and PM weather maps showing sun, clouds, and rain indicators across the UK.

Lighting-up time table with columns for location, start, and end times.

Pollen count table for London and Manchester, including forecast for today.

YESTERDAY weather data for London, Manchester, and Glasgow.

THE POUND table with columns for Bank, Gold, and other financial metrics.

Notes for pound table and information supplied by London Weather Centre.

APPOINTMENTS

Air Call (Holdings): Mr Nicholas Stanley is now deputy chairman. John Swire & Sons: Mr Adrian Swire, deputy chairman, will become chairman on July 14.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table of London Traded Options with columns for Series, Calls, Puts, and dates. Includes entries for Allied Lyons, British Airways, BP, etc.

Table of London Traded Options with columns for Series, Calls, Puts, and dates. Includes entries for De Beers cont'd, Glaxo, Hanson, etc.

CBI chief appeals for investment in future

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent. A decade of investment, particularly in education and housing, is the prospect for the 1990s outlined yesterday by Mr John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry.

Trusts 'miss market boom'

By Joe Joseph. Despite booming stock markets and a keener sense of competition in the industry as fund managers struggled to beat off competition from rivals, British investment trusts performed worse over the past five years than their managers had left their 1981 portfolios untouched.

MONEY & GOLD

Table of Money & Gold rates including Base Rates, Discount Market Loans, Treasury Bills, and Prime Bank Bills.

LONDON FINANCIAL FLOW

Table of London Financial Flow with columns for Three Month Sterling, Dec 87, Jun 88, etc.

COMPANY NEWS

ERF (HOLDINGS): No dividend for the year to March 28. With figures in £000: Turnover 75,911 (71,028). Pretax profit 718 (1,272). Earnings per share 8.61p (16.28p).

ALPHA STOCKS

Table of Alpha Stocks with columns for Company, Volume '000, and Price. Includes entries for Allied-Lyons, Anglo, ASDA, etc.

Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, plc Profit Recovery

The profit before tax for the year ended March 1987 of £2.273m exceeded last year's by 74% but excluded the losses of Croydon Cable T.V., which is no longer an associated company.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table of Traditional Options with columns for First Dealings, Last Dealings, and Settlement.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of Foreign Exchanges with columns for Market rates and Dollar Spot Rates.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table of Sterling Spot and Forward Rates with columns for Market rates and Dollar Spot Rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table of Other Sterling Rates with columns for Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table of Dollar Spot Rates with columns for Ireland, Singapore, Malaysia, etc.

ECGD

Table of ECGD with columns for Fixed Rate, Floating Rate, and Export Finance.

RECENT ISSUES

Table of Recent Issues with columns for Equities, Bonds, and Rights Issues.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table of Base Lending Rates with columns for ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, etc.

BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to shareholders that following a Resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders held on 24th June, 1987 a Dividend for the year 1986 of DM 10.00 per share of DM 50 nominal will be paid as from 25th June, 1987 against delivery of Coupon No. 46.

How much money did you make in Rolls Royce?

Generally speaking the private investor almost always makes money in new issues. But just how much depends on having the right information and getting the application weighted 'dead right'.

BPB INDUSTRIES

Advertisement for BPB Industries featuring a 40% profit increase and one-for-one capitalisation issue. Includes financial data for 1987 and 1986.

Olivetti announces the PCs that respect your right to make your own decisions.

The arrival of the personal computer revolutionised the way businesses were run, bringing speed and efficiency that were previously unthinkable.

That revolution, like all technological revolutions, was producer-led. But the world since the revolution has changed. Business accepted and exploited the new technology. It invested in it, often heavily. The business customer today is literate in the new technology, and is articulate enough clearly to communicate his needs. Olivetti believes that the responsible producer should listen to him.

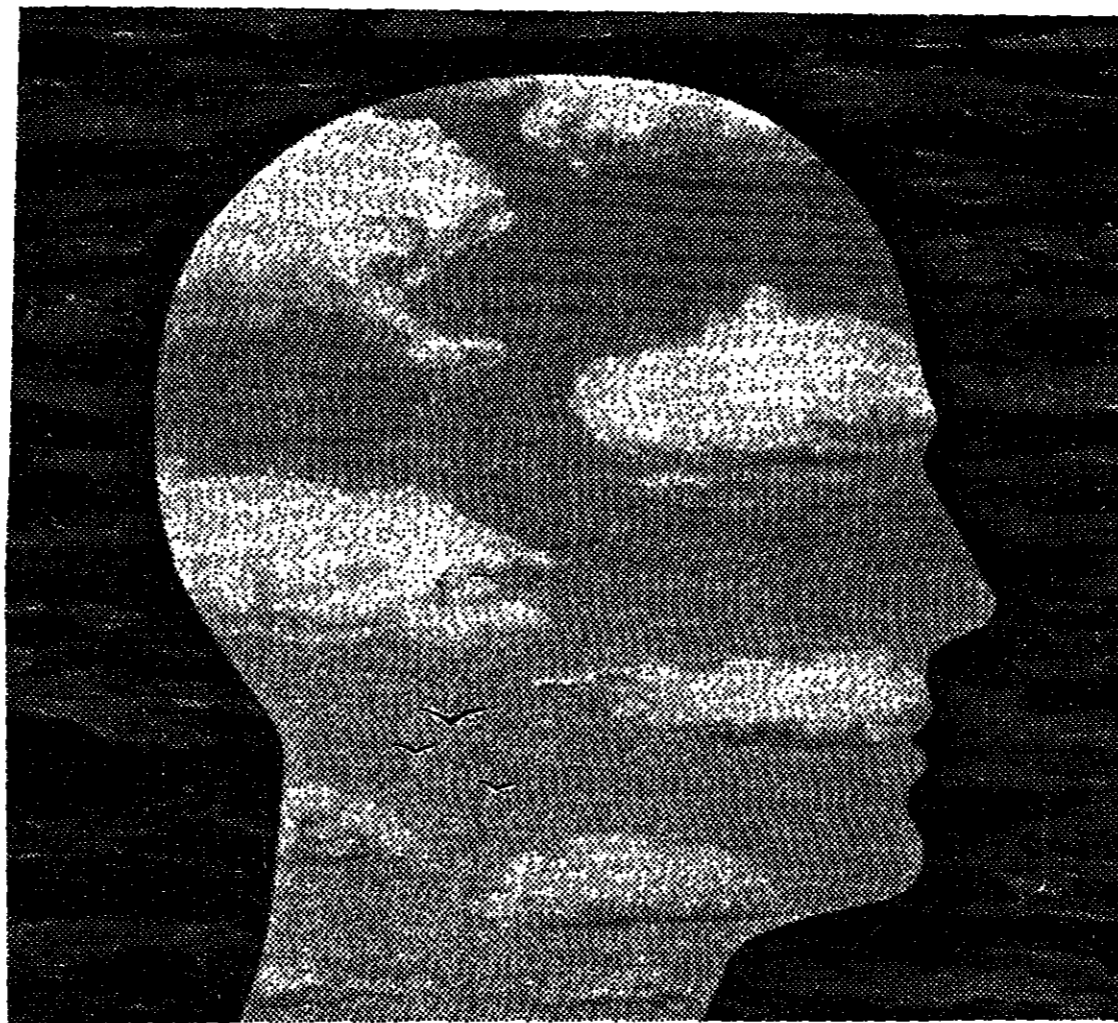
Systems evolution

A major evolution in recent years has been in the role of the PC itself, from a stand-alone machine into part of a system. And this evolution is closely reflected in Olivetti's approach. For Olivetti, PCs are conceived as the building blocks of a system.

This user requirement for a systems approach has demanded increasingly powerful and sophisticated technology. The consumer has, in a sense, retaken the initiative. How should the producer respond?

Olivetti's view is clear. Today's user is not only technologically literate but also financially committed. Naturally, he expects products that will offer him all the benefits of state-of-the-art technology.

But he also has a right to expect products that will leave him free to enter and structure the system as and when he wants to. He needs a high degree of



interconnectivity, workstations that offer the best possible price/performance ratio. And he wants to be free to work with the market standard of his own choosing.

This is what Olivetti has set out to give him with its new PC offering.

Power and flexibility

At the top of Olivetti's new PC range will be three models using the powerful 80386 microchip. These will be the fastest, most powerful PCs available, reflecting the trend for the PC to operate as server in local networks that can in turn be integrated with minicomputer environments.

These new models range from the M 380/T tower model to the M 380 and the compact M 380/C desktop workstations. The M 380 line will be flanked by a series of new PCs available in a

wide range of configurations. These will include the M 280, a powerful and extremely fast personal based on the 80286 chip with the potential for multi-tasking, the S 281, another 80286-based workstation specifically designed to operate in LAN environments, and the M 240, a potent workstation that represents a natural evolution of the highly successful (and widely emulated) M 24.

Compatibility commitment

The new models have been developed as an evolution of the existing Olivetti PC range. They are all fully compatible with market standards. (They offer, for example, a free choice of 5.25 and/or 3.5 inch floppy disks.) Indeed, it is Olivetti's firm intention to

guarantee full compatibility with current market standards. Whatever they may be. The new models will thus take their place alongside Olivetti's existing PCs (including the recently introduced portable M 15) to offer the customer a complete range of choice in planning his systems.

They offer him full compatibility with his installed base, high computing power, integrated, ergonomically valid configurations and a modular approach that will allow him to expand the system exactly according to his needs.

Complete solution

As well as respecting the customer's existing investment, Olivetti is committed to protecting and supporting it in the future.

The completeness of the new Olivetti PC range is matched by the completeness of Olivetti's global offer, which embraces the whole spectrum of PC-related products, from software to printers.

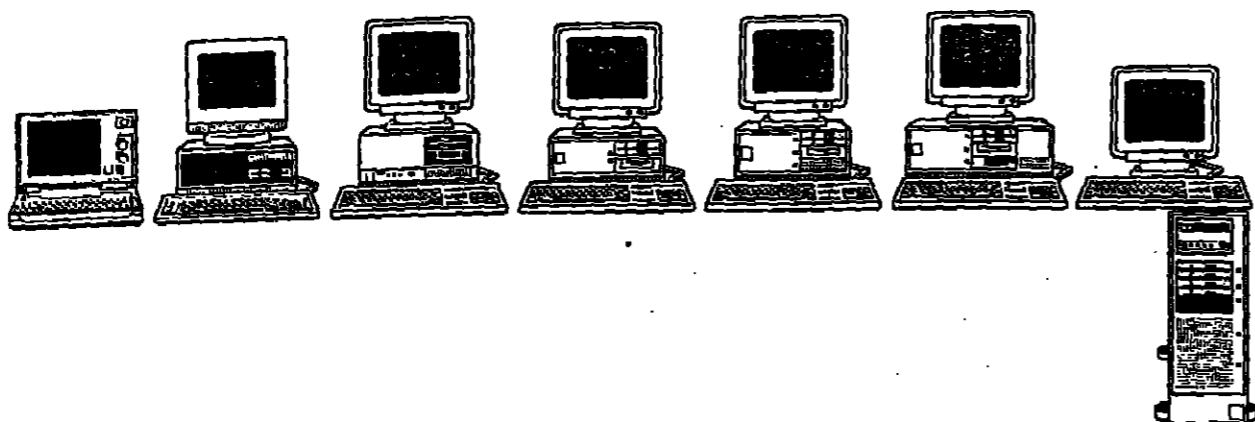
In addition, Olivetti's highly-qualified dealer network and internal staff are at the disposal of clients to assist in interpreting their needs and to provide full after-sales back up service.

The new Olivetti PC offering has thus been conceived to give the user the maximum freedom of choice.

To leave him free to grow and evolve rather than to tie him down.

That is why we see the new Olivetti PCs as the choice of freedom.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information with columns for fund names, prices, and performance metrics. Includes sub-sections for various categories like 'UNIT TRUST MANAGERS' and 'INVESTMENT TRUSTS'.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Table of unlisted securities with columns for company names, prices, and changes.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

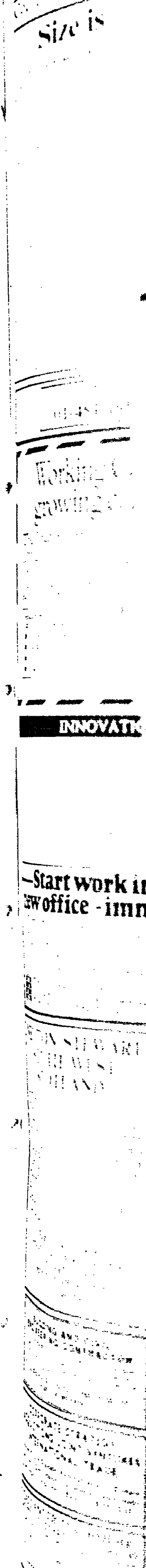
Table of investment trusts with columns for trust names, prices, and performance.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including oil, metals, and other goods.

THIRD MARKET

Table of third market prices for various securities.



Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money staked. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

Table with 4 columns: No., Company, Group, and Price. Lists various companies like THORN EMI, Unigate, Forward Tech, etc.

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend table with columns for Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun.

BRITISH FUNDS table with columns for High, Low, Stock, Price, Change, %.

SHORTS (Under Five Years) table with columns for No., Company, Price, Change, %.

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS table with columns for No., Company, Price, Change, %.

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TEXTILES table with columns for No., Company, Price, Change, %.

TOBACCO table with columns for No., Company, Price, Change, %.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES End-account selling

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on June 15. Dealings end today. Contango day June 29. Settlement day July 6. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 28)

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ATHLETICS

Brysgin needs to beat Christie to emerge from Borzov's shadow

From Iain Macleod, Prague

The shadow of Valery Borzov, who won gold medals at 100 metres and 200 metres at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich, has hung like a millstone from succeeding generations of Soviet sprinters.

At last year's European championships in Stuttgart, Brysgin performed well in the heats but finished a dismal eighth in the final, won by Christie. Hence the added pressure and incentive to do well this weekend.

Brysgin clocked 10.03sec at Leningrad last June, but faulty equipment poses questions about the validity of that time, and it has not been recognized.

At the Europa Cup final here tomorrow, Vitor Brysgin, the latest Soviet prodigy to try to emulate Borzov, will be a major threat to Britain's high-flying Linford Christie in the 100 metres.

Ozoline Edvike, the Soviet sprints coach, believes that Brysgin "is only a one-race runner". That could spell good or bad news for Christie; it is hard to tell which. Brysgin's talent is not in

doubt, only his ability to perform well on a consistent basis. However, he refused to be drawn on his own strengths and weaknesses: "That's a secret," he said with a smile.

Brysgin stressed that psychologically he is much stronger than in 1986. He said that his 10.12sec in Karl-Marx-Stadt last weekend boosted his confidence. Yet he also saw Christie's 10.04sec at Portsmouth on television and is acutely aware of how difficult the Briton will be to beat.

Brysgin added: "If I have a good first 50 metres I think I can beat Christie. The first half of the race is not so good for him, although he does finish strongly."

To talk to Brysgin is to encounter a man for whom some psychological problems still seem to exist. But he and his coach rate Christie very highly: "He is a real fighter," Edvike said. One gets the feeling that Brysgin still has problems in that department.

New York interest

New York City's Sports Commission has confirmed yesterday that it would seek to host the 1988 Summer Olympics in the New York-New Jersey area if political unrest in South Korea forces officials to move the Games out of Seoul.



Brysgin "one-race sprinter"

An alternative wander round Surrey's lanes

By Michael Coleman

Jam sandwiches, jelly and tea will keep most of the 90 competitors going in Surrey Walking Club's 100-mile race around the village of Ewhurst today. The start is at 6 p.m. and the walk goes on through the night until midday and beyond tomorrow.

There will be 12 judges on duty, ensuring it is all strictly heel-and-toe, and as the roads are mostly unlit, all competitors will be in white with reflective numbers and flashes. Dave Boxall, from Brighton, winner in 1975 and 1979 - the race is held every four years - Ed Shillabeer (Plymouth), Jan Vos (Rotterdam), John Cannell (Isle of Man) and Sandra Brown of the promoting club, are favoured, but several Belgian and Danish "centurions" will have their say too.

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Fielding new records

San José, California (AP)

Jackie Joyner-Kersey produced the third-highest points total of all time in the heptathlon during the USA-Mobil outdoor track and field championships here yesterday, but a poor performance in the javelin kept her from challenging her own world record.

The poor javelin throw came after Joyner-Kersey had produced the best-ever long jump by an American woman - 7.24m. Although the jump exceeded her American record of 7.23, set in 1985, it cannot be considered for record purposes because the following wind exceeded the permitted maximum.

Tim Bright won the decathlon with a personal best of 8,340 points.

Setting course for gliding title



High flyers: Philip Jones and father, Ralph, twice national open class champion

Riding thermals to keep up with the Joneses

By Andrew Longmore

"Thermals," said the man in baggy sweater and check shirt, "has not always been as good as it is now. Twenty-five years ago, he set up his own glider repair business from a caravan on a disused airfield."

Jones, however, is very much at the top end of a sport which, contrary to general opinion, is not the preserve of a scarf-and-moustache elite. "We are trying to get away from our exclusive image. This is not a rich man's sport," says Ben Watson, chairman of the British Gliding Association and manager of the sport.

partly by buying their sites, the costs of setting up a club are prohibitive.

Unfortunately, despite being able to boast a world champion in George Sperry, the sport does not have currently have the ability to expand. The number of gliding clubs has remained at 98 for several years and, though more of them have secured their

future by buying their sites, the costs of setting up a club are prohibitive.

Certainly there was no place for the fly-by-night at Lasham. The sport has a high turnover. Lots of people come in, do a course and then after a year or two go and do something else. The 80 competitors have needed all the qualities of concentration, dedication and experience, which mark out the top pilots, to cope with the variety of tasks thrown at them by competition director, George Metcalf.

All Ralph Jones needs to be crowned British champion on Sunday is a little bit of luck, a few fine days and a lot more thermals.

BOWLS

Sussex set to advance

By Gordon Allan

Sussex made one enforced change for their Middlesex Cup match against Buckinghamshire at Preston Park, Brighton, tomorrow. Ivan Orchin cannot play, for business reasons, and David Wicks moves up to skip his rink, with John Dicker coming in at No. 3.

If Sussex win, they will be well placed to qualify for the quarter-finals on July 2. They have drawn with Hampshire and Surrey, Hampshire, their closest rivals, have a game in hand. If they beat Surrey at Atherley, Southampton, tomorrow, and

Buckinghamshire at Chesham next Saturday, shots aggregate might then have to be used to determine the section winners.

Elsewhere, Warwickshire go through if they beat Bedfordshire at Stratford-upon-Avon, and Hertfordshire can consolidate their position by beating Norfolk at Hatfield. In the other groups all should be revealed a week hence.

NEW CENTRE FOR TREATMENT OF AMATEUR SPORTSMEN

Black heads Newcastle's clinic

By a Special Correspondent

Newcastle yesterday set the pace in the treatment of injuries for amateur sportsmen with the official opening of the City Centre Clinic, the first in the country to be jointly funded by the Sports Council, a local authority and health authority.

It is a development welcomed by Sebastian Coe, vice-chairman of the Sports Council. "Sports medicine and treatment has a vitally important role to play."

needed," Coe said. "This scheme will benefit every level of sportsman and woman, from local joggers to international runners like myself."

The initiative for the clinic came from the regional sports council who are providing 70 per cent of the funding for the scheme which is costing £58,000 to set up.

Chris Roberts, Newcastle Council's principal recreation officer, said: "The clinic was set up to serve all the people in the Tyne and Wear area because there is no area in the public sector where people can be

treated for specific sports injuries." The clinic will be open six days a week and is staffed by qualified physiotherapists, headed by the well-known middle-distance runner, Neil Black. A chiropodist and consultant doctor are available by arrangement.

The initial consultation at the clinic is free, with treatment ranging from £25 for a full course and £5 for a single session of professional treatments with greatly reduced concessions for students and leisure card holders.

Cambridge Tripos: economics, English, mathematics, natural sciences

Cambridge University has announced the following Tripos examination results:

Economic Tripos, Part II

- List of names and marks for Economic Tripos, Part II, including candidates like A. A. Anderson, B. Bailey, C. Baker, etc.

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GOLF

Another fine round by Robinson as British teams reach next stage

From John Hennessy, Murhof, Austria

All four teams from the British Isles qualified for the match-play stage of the European team championship at the Murhof Golf and Country Club near Graz yesterday...

Senior takes hold of leading reign

From Patricia Davies, Monte Carlo

His title would suggest that Son Altesse Sérénissime le Prince Souverain de Monaco is in total control of what happens in his domain...

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Money being no object in this part of the world, the course's technical director Michael Verrick is looking into the possibility of installing a series of gas burners along the roundabouts and sending the clouds heavenwards in the manner of a hot air balloon...

US Open site under scrutiny

San Francisco (AP) - The Olympic Club, host of last week's US Open Championship, may lose the city land it uses for three holes unless it agrees to drop an alleged ban on women and minority members...

Panton keeps her lead

Cathy Panton of Scotland held off a stiff challenge to retain her lead after the second round of the £25,000 WPGA Portuguese Open championship at Vale Do Lobo yesterday...



Frank Bruno, the former European champion, who boxes Chuck Gardner, of the United States, at Cannes tomorrow, tails off his preparation by relaxing on the promenade

Whitaker misses a family double

From a Special Correspondent, Aschen

John Whitaker, on Next Milton, narrowly missed a family double here yesterday when, going last in the barrage of the Northern-Fries he finished 1.5sec behind Philippe Rozier...

Groundsman with the secrets of a supergrass

By David Miller

The old joke about the Englishman telling the American how to prepare a perfect lawn - "You select the right seed, water it carefully, don't cut it too soon, and then just regularly roll it for 300 years" - is dead...

Belgians change GP venue

From Michael Scott, Assen

A late compromise has saved next weekend's Belgian Grand Prix at the expense of the historic but dangerous Spa-Francorchamps circuit...

Marlborough stung by the Cliftonians tail

By George Chesterton

All eight matches were played to a conclusion in the second round of the Cricket Cup. The Cliftonians tail wagged enough to take them from 80 to six to 137 and Marlborough, despite an unbeaten 50 from Cunningham...

Sheffield games bid

Sheffield as a centre for some sports

Most of the £35 million needed for the student games would be found from sponsorship and would provide Sheffield Olympic swimming and diving pools...

Agnew misses out

The England all-rounder, Phillip DeFreitas, and the fast bowler, Jonathan Agnew...

Big spenders

Belgrade (Reuters) - Yugoslavia will spend \$140m (about £87.5m) to stage the World Student Games in Zagreb next month...

Ruling upheld

Zurich (AP) - UEFA, European football's ruling body, has upheld a ruling that led to Italy's junior national squad being stripped of their European title...

SHOWJUMPING

Eddie Macken led off on Carron's flight although he was lucky at the big blue and white parallel, which had caused so much trouble in the second round...

Cricket

As delegates gathered for the special meeting of the International Cricket Conference, which hopes to resolve the world's cricket problems...

Motor Cycling

The trouble at Spa was caused when safety measures proposed by the organizers, who said they would increase the safety run-off areas at key black spots on the circuit...

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MOTOR RALLYING

Alen threatens to take over from Kankkunen

Olympus, Washington (Reuters)

Alen, in second place with 43 after his success in the Aeropolis Rally three weeks ago, could vault ahead with a victory worth 20 points...

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